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Education:

- 08/2006 – 06/2011 **Ph.D. in Biochemistry**, Department of Biochemistry
Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York, USA
Advisor: Professor Vern L. Schramm
Transition State Analysis, Enzyme Catalytic Mechanism,
Development of Transition State Analogue Inhibitors for Human
and *Plasmodium falciparum* Orotate Phosphoribosyltransferases
- 05/2004 – 05/2006 **M.Sc. in Biophysics**, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology
University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada
Advisor: Professor A. Rod Merrill
Characterization of Diphthamide Modification and ADP-ribosylation
of Eukaryotic Elongation Factor-2 by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Exotoxin A
- 09/1999 – 06/2003 **B.Sc. in Biological Sciences**, School of Life Sciences
Shandong University, Jinan, Shandong, China
Advisor: Professor Jinxing Wang
Cloning of Toll-like Receptor 6 Gene and Extraction of Genomic DNA
from *Panaeus chinensis*

Postdoctoral Experience:

- 07/2011 – 11/2014 Department of Chemistry, The Scripps Research Institute (07/2011-04/2012)
California Institute for Biomedical Research (05/2012-11/2014)
La Jolla, California, USA
Advisor: Professor Peter G. Schultz
Structural, Functional, and Engineering Studies of Antibodies with Novel
CDR3H Architecture; Development of HIV Vaccine, Therapeutic Bi-Specific
Antibodies, Antibody-Drug Conjugates Using Genetically Encoded
Unnatural Amino Acids

Appointment:

- 12/2014 – Present Assistant Professor of Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Sciences
School of Pharmacy, University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California, USA
- 12/2014 – Present Full Member of Translational and Clinical Sciences Program
USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center
- 01/2016 – Present Member of USC Research Center for Liver Diseases
- 06/2016 – Present Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, USA
- 04/2017 – Present Director of the Pharmaceutical Sciences Program
School of Pharmacy, University of Southern California

Awards and Honors:

- 06/2019 TRDRP New Investigator Award
- 06/2019 CBCRP Innovative Development and Exploratory Award
- 04/2019 AACR-Bayer Innovation and Discovery Grant
- 03/2019 Department of Defense CDMRP Career Development Award
- 01/2019 The V Scholar PLUS Award, the V Foundation for Cancer Research

04/2018 PhRMA Foundation Research Starter Grant in Translational Medicine and Therapeutics
 11/2017 STOP CANCER Research Career Development Award
 08/2017 New Investigator Grant, American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists Foundation
 09/2016 The V Scholar Award, the V Foundation for Cancer Research
 03/2012 Julius Marmur Research Award for Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Research
 12/2010 Sponsored Membership in AAAS/Science for Excellence in Science
 05/2004 University of Guelph Entrance Scholarship
 09/2000 – 06/2001 The Honor of “Excellent Student of Shandong University”
 03/2001 – 06/2001 Shandong University Scholarship
 09/2000 – 01/2001 Shandong University Scholarship
 03/2000 – 06/2000 Shandong University Scholarship
 09/1999 – 01/2000 Shandong University Scholarship

Teaching:

11/2014 – Present Biological Systems I (PHRD503)
 Biological Systems II (PHRD504)
 Drug Design and Discovery (PSCI664)
 Principal Research Approaches and Scientific Writing (PSCI 556)
 Molecular Pharmacology and Toxicology (MPTX501)
 Introduction to Tools and Techniques for Chemical Biology (PSCI557)
 Immunopharmaceutics (PSCI655)
 Protein Chemistry – Structure and Function (BIOC549)
 Protein Engineering and Drug Discovery (PSCI599)
 Immunology and Immunotherapeutics (RXRS408)
 Undergraduate Research Seminar (CHEM294), Directed Research (CHEM490)

09/2004 – 05/2006 Graduate Teaching Assistant for Immunology (MICR*3230), Introductory Biochemistry Laboratory (BIOC*2580), Introductory Cell Biology (MCB*2210) Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada

02/2001 – 06/2001 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for Plant Biology, School of Life Sciences, Shandong University, Jinan, Shandong, China

Professional Memberships:

2009 – Present American Chemical Society
 2015 – Present American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists
 2018 – Present American Association for Cancer Research

Peer Review for Professional Journals:

ACS Catalysis	ACS Nano	Anal. Biochem.
Anal. Chem.	BBA - Proteins and Proteomics	Bioorg. Med. Chem.
Cell. Mol. Life Sci.	Chem. Commun.	FEBS J.
J. Am. Chem. Soc.	J. Mol. Catal. B Enzym.	J. Org. Chem.
Mol. Pharm.	Org. Biomol. Chem.	Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.
PLOS ONE	Protein Expr. Purif.	Protein Sci.
RSC Adv.	Theranostics	

Peer Review for Funding Agencies:

Wright Foundation
 Keck School of Medicine of University of Southern California
 The Center for the Advancement of Science in Space (CASIS)

Committee Memberships:

03/2020	Ad hoc Strategic Planning Sub-Committee on PhD Education
03/2020	MSc Dissertation committee for Xuejun He, (Advisor: Dr. Jean Shih)
03/2020	MSc Dissertation committee for Yanni Ma, (Advisor: Dr. Sarah Hamm-Alvarez)
03/2020	MSc Dissertation committee for Jingyi Wang, (Advisor: Dr. Clay Wang)
01/2020	PhD qualifying examination committee for Patrick Lehman (Advisor: Dr. Clay Wang)
11/2019	PhD qualifying examination committee for Christian Rabot (Advisor: Dr. Clay Wang)
11/2019	PhD qualifying examination committee for Dokyun Kim (Advisor: Dr. Jae Jung)
06/2019	PhD Dissertation committee for Michelle Grau, (Advisor: Dr. Clay Wang)
03/2019	MSc Dissertation committee for Peirou Chu, (Advisor: Dr. Jean Shih)
03/2019	MSc Dissertation committee for Jinghua Cai, (Advisor: Dr. Jean Shih)
03/2019	MSc Dissertation committee for Jiachun Li, (Advisor: Dr. Jean Shih)
03/2019	MSc Dissertation committee for Zhiyuan Yao, (Advisor: Dr. Andrew Mackay)
03/2019	MSc Dissertation committee for Yue Wang, (Advisor: Dr. Andrew Mackay)
03/2019	PhD Dissertation committee for Hsuan-Yao (Sean) Wang, (Advisor: Dr. Wei-Chiang Shen)
12/2018	Ad hoc selection committee on AFPE Fellowship Award Applications
10/2018	PhD qualifying examination committee for Connor Hurd (Advisor: Dr. Ansgar Siemer)
09/2018	PhD qualifying examination committee for Long Zheng (Advisor: Dr. Alan Epstein)
08/2018	PhD Dissertation committee for Caitlin DeAngelo, (Advisor: Dr. Nicos Petasis)
06/2018	MSc Dissertation committee for Benjamin Cooperman (Advisor: Dr. Sarah Hamm-Alvarez)
03/2018	PhD Dissertation committee for Tzu-Shyang Lin, (Advisor: Dr. Clay Wang)
01/2018	PhD qualifying examination committee for Christina (Runzhong) Fu (Advisor: Dr. Sarah Hamm-Alvarez)
12/2017	Ad hoc selection committee on AFPE Fellowship Award Applications
12/2017	PhD Dissertation committee for Li Zhou, (Advisor: Dr. Wei-Chiang Shen)
12/2017	PhD qualifying examination committee for Santosh Peddi (Advisor: Dr. Andrew Mackay)
12/2017	PhD qualifying examination committee for Michelle Grau, (Advisor: Dr. Clay Wang)
11/2017	PhD qualifying examination committee for Xianhui Chen, (Advisor: Dr. Pin Wang)
08/2017 – 12/2017	Individual Development Plan (IDP) committee for Li Zhou (Advisor: Dr. Wei-Chiang Shen)
08/2017 – Present	Graduate Program Curriculum Committee, USC School of Pharmacy
08/2017 – Present	Graduate Affairs Chair Committee, USC School of Pharmacy
05/2017 – Present	Faculty Search Committee, Department of Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Sciences USC School of Pharmacy
04/2017 – Present	Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Sciences, USC School of Pharmacy
02/2017 – Present	Strategic Planning Steering Committee, USC School of Pharmacy
01/2017	PhD qualifying examination committee for Changrim Lee (Advisor: Dr. Andrew Mackay)
11/2016	PhD qualifying examination committee for Jingyu Chen, (Advisor: Dr. Bangyan Stiles)
11/2016 – Present	Faculty delegate of the Globalization of Pharmaceutics Education Network (GPEN)
10/2016 – Present	Admissions Committee for Graduate Programs in Biomedical and Biological

- Sciences (PIBBS), USC Keck School of Medicine
- 10/2016 – Present Admissions Committee for Pharmaceutical & Translational Sciences (PHTS)
Graduate Program, USC School of Pharmacy
- 10/2016 – 05/2018 Scholarship Oversight Committee for Dr. Erica Escobedo
Hematology-Oncology Fellow of Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA)
(Advisor: Dr. Shahab Asgharzadeh)
- 09/2016 – 08/2017 Laboratory Safety Advisory Committee, USC School of Pharmacy
- 09/2016 PhD qualifying examination committee for Brandon Wolfe (Advisor: Dr. Alan Epstein)
- 03/2016 MSc thesis examination committee for Tianhan Dong, (Advisor: Dr. Jean Shih)
- 11/2015 PhD qualifying examination committee for Hsuan-Yao (Sean) Wang
(Advisor: Dr. Wei-Chiang Shen)
- 08/2015 Ad hoc selection committee on Krown Fellowship Award

Original Research Publications:

1. Dai, Z., Zhang, X.N., Nasertorabi, F., Cheng, Q., Li, J., Katz, B.B., Smbatyan, G., Pei, H., Louie, S. G., Lenz, H.J., Stevens, R.C. and **Zhang, Y.** Synthesis of Site-Specific Antibody-Drug Conjugates by ADP-Ribosyl Cyclases. *Sci. Adv.* 2020, 6, eaba6752.
2. Madern, J.M., Kim, R.Q., Misra, M., Dikic, I., **Zhang, Y.**, Ovaa, H., Codee, J.D.C., Filippov, D.V. and van der Heden van Noort, G.J. Synthesis of Stable NAD⁺ Mimics as Inhibitors for the Legionella Pneumophila Phosphoribosyl Ubiquitinating Enzyme SdeC. *ChemBioChem* 2020, In Press
3. Park, M., Vaikari, V.P., Lam, A.T., **Zhang, Y.**, Mackay, J.A. and Alachkar, H. Anti-FLT3 nanoparticles for acute myeloid leukemia: preclinical pharmacology and pharmacokinetics. *J. Control. Release* 2020, 324, 317-329.
4. Dai, Z., Cheng, Q. and **Zhang, Y.** Rational Design of a Humanized Antibody Inhibitor of Cathepsin B. *Biochemistry* 2020, 59, 1420-1427.
5. Cheng, Q., Shi, X. and **Zhang, Y.** Reprogramming Exosomes for Immunotherapy. *Methods Mol. Biol.* 2020, 2097, 197–209.
6. Shi, X., Cheng, Q., Hou, T., Han, M., Smbatyan, G., Lang, J.E., Epstein, A.L., Lenz, H.J. and **Zhang, Y.** Genetically Engineered Cell-Derived Nanoparticles for Targeted Breast Cancer Immunotherapy. *Mol. Ther.* 2020, 28, 536-547.
7. Zhang, X.N., Cheng, Q., Chen, J., Lam, A.T., Lu, Y., Dai, Z., Pei, H., Evdokimov, N.M., Louie, S.G. and **Zhang, Y.** A Ribose-Functionalized NAD⁺ with Unexpected High Activity and Selectivity for Protein Poly-ADP-Ribosylation. *Nat. Commun.* 2019, 10, 4196.
8. Zhang, X.N., Dai, Z., Cheng, Q. and **Zhang, Y.** Chemoenzymatic Preparation of 4'-Thioribose NAD. *Curr. Protoc. Nucleic Acid Chem.* 2019, 77, e83.
9. Cheng, Q., Shi, X., Han, M., Smbatyan, G., Lenz, H.J. and **Zhang, Y.** Reprogramming Exosomes as Nanoscale Controllers of Cellular Immunity. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2018, 140, 16413–16417
10. Dai, Z., Zhang, X.N., Nasertorabi, F., Cheng, Q., Pei, H., Louie, S.G., Stevens, R.C. and **Zhang, Y.** Facile Chemoenzymatic Synthesis of a Novel Stable Mimic of NAD⁺. *Chem. Sci.* 2018, 9, 8337-8342
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11. Chen, J., Lam, A.T. and **Zhang, Y.** A Macrodomein-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (MLISA) for Mono-ADP-Ribosyltransferases. *Anal Biochem.*, 2017, 543, 132-139
12. Du, J., Cao Y., Liu, Y., Wang, Y., **Zhang, Y.**, Fu, G., Zhang, Y., Lu, L., Luo, X., Kim, C.H., Schultz, P.G. and Wang, F. Engineering Bifunctional Antibodies with Constant Region Fusion Architectures. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2017, 139, 18607–18615
13. Liu, Y., Wang, Y., **Zhang, Y.**, Liu, T., Jia, H., Zou, H., Fu, Q., Zhang, Y., Lu, L., Chao, E., Parker, H., Nguyen-Tran, V.T.B., Shen, W., Wang, D., Schultz, P.G. and Wang, F. Rational Design of Dual

- Agonist-Antibody Fusions as Long-Acting Therapeutic Hormones. *ACS Chem. Biol.*, 2016, 11, 2991-2995.
14. Luo, X., Wang, T.S.A., **Zhang, Y.**, Wang, F. and Schultz, P.G. Stabilizing Protein Motifs with a Genetically Encoded Metal-Ion Chelator. *Cell Chem. Biol.*, 2016, 23,1098-102.
 15. Wang, R.E., Wang, Y., Zhang, Y., Gabrelow, C., **Zhang, Y.**, Chi, V., Fu, Q., Luo, X., Wang, D., Joseph, S., Johnson, K., Chatterjee, A.K., Wright, T.M., Nguyen-Tran, V.T.B., Teijaro, J., Theofilopoulos, A.N., Schultz, P.G. and Wang, F. Rational Design of a Kv1.3 Channel-Blocking Antibody as a Selective Immunosuppressant. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.*, 2016, 113, 11501-11506.
 16. **Zhang, Y.**, Zou, H., Wang, Y., Caballero, D., Gonzalez, J., Chao, E., Welzel, G., Shen, W., Wang, D., Schultz, P.G. and Wang, F. Rational Design of a Humanized Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonist Antibody. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.*, 2015, 54, 2126-2130.
 17. Liu, T., **Zhang, Y. (co-first author)**, Liu, Y., Wang, Y., Jia, H., Kang, M., Luo, X., Caballero, D., Gonzalez, J., Wang, D., Woods, A., Schultz, P.G. and Wang, F. Functional Human Antibody CDR Fusions as Long-Acting Therapeutic Endocrine Agonists. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.*, 2015, 112, 1356-1361.
 18. **Zhang, Y. (co-first author)**, Liu, Y., Wang, Y., Schultz, P.G. and Wang, F. Rational Design of Humanized Dual-Agonist Antibodies. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2015, 137, 38-41.
 19. Lu, H., Zhou, Q., Deshmukh, V., Phull, H., Ma, J., Tardif, V., Naik, R.R., Bouvard, C., **Zhang, Y.**, Choi, S., Lawson, B.R., Zhu, S., Kim, C.H. and Schultz, P.G. Targeting Human C-Type Lectin-like Molecule-1 (CLL1) with a Bispecific Antibody for Immunotherapy of Acute Myeloid Leukemia. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.*, 2014, 53, 9841–9845.
 20. **Zhang, Y.**, Goswami, D., Wang, D., Wang, T.S.A., Sen, S., Magliery, T.J., Griffin, P.R., Wang, F. and Schultz, P.G. An Antibody with a Variable Region Coiled-Coil “Knob” Domain. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.*, 2014, 53, 132-135.
 21. **Zhang, Y.**, Evans, G.B., Clinch, K., Crump, D.R., Harris, L.D., Fröhlich, R.F.G., Tyler, P.C., Hazleton, K.Z., Cassera, M.B. and Schramm, V.L. Transition State Analogues of *Plasmodium falciparum* and Human Orotate Phosphoribosyltransferases. *J. Biol. Chem.*, 2013, 288, 34746-54.
 22. **Zhang, Y.**, Wang, D., Welzel, G., Wang, Y., Schultz, P.G. and Wang, F. An Antibody CDR3-Erythropoietin Fusion Protein. *ACS Chem. Biol.*, 2013, 8, 2117-2121
 23. **Zhang, Y.**, Wang, D., de Lichtervelde, L., Sun, S.B., Smider, V.V., Schultz, P.G. and Wang, F. Functional Antibody CDR3 Fusion Proteins with Enhanced Pharmacological Properties. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.*, 2013, 52, 8295-8298.
 24. Wang, F., Sambandan, D., Wang, J., Halder, R., Batt, S., Weinrick, B.C., Ahmad, I., Yang, P, **Zhang, Y.**, Kim, J., Hassani, M., Huszar, S., Mikusova, K., Chatterjee, A., Besra, G., Futterer, K., Jacobs, W.R. Jr. and Schultz, P.G. Identification of a Small Molecule with Activity against Drug-resistant and Persistent Tuberculosis. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.*, 2013, 110, E2510-7.
 25. Wang, F., Ekiert, D.C., Ahmad, I., Li, W., **Zhang, Y.**, Bazirgan, O., Torkamani, A., Raudsepp, T., Mwangi, W., Criscitiello, M.F., Wilson, I.A., Schultz, P.G. and Smider, V.V. Reshaping Antibody Diversity. *Cell*, 2013, 153, 1379-93.
 26. **Zhang, Y.** and Schramm, V.L. Ground-State Destabilization in Orotate Phosphoribosyltransferases by Binding Isotope Effects. *Biochemistry*, 2011, 50, 4813-4818.
 27. Vetting, M.W., Hegde, S.S., **Zhang, Y.** and Blanchard, J.S. Pentapeptide Repeat Proteins that Act as Topoisomerase Poison Resistance Factors Have a Common Dimer Interface. *Acta Crystallogr. Sect. F Struct. Biol. Cryst. Commun.*, 2011, 67, 296-302.
 28. **Zhang, Y.**, Deng, H. and Schramm, V.L. Leaving Group Activation and Pyrophosphate Ionic State at the Catalytic Site of *Plasmodium falciparum* Orotate Phosphoribosyltransferase. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2010, 132, 17023-17031.
 29. **Zhang, Y.** and Schramm, V.L. Pyrophosphate Interactions at the Transition States of *Plasmodium falciparum* and Human Orotate Phosphoribosyltransferases. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2010, 132, 8787-8794.

30. Abdo, M., **Zhang, Y.**, Schramm, V.L. and Knapp, S. Electrophilic Aromatic Selenylation: New OPRT Inhibitors. *Org. Lett.*, 2010, 12, 2982-2985.
31. **Zhang, Y.**, Luo, M. and Schramm, V.L. Transition States of *Plasmodium falciparum* and Human Orotate Phosphoribosyltransferases. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2009, 131, 4685-4694.
32. **Zhang, Y. (co-first author)**, Liu, S., Lajoie G. and Merrill, A.R. The Role of the Diphthamide-containing Loop within Eukaryotic Elongation Factor 2 in ADP-Ribosylation by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Exotoxin A. *Biochem. J.*, 2008, 413, 163-174.

Reviews:

1. Shi, X., Cheng, Q. and **Zhang, Y.** Reprogramming Extracellular Vesicles with Engineered Proteins. *Methods*, 2020, 177, 95-102.
2. Cassera, M.B., **Zhang, Y. (co-first author)**, Hazleton, K.Z. and Schramm, V.L. Purine and Pyrimidine Pathways as Targets in *Plasmodium falciparum*. *Curr. Top. Med. Chem.*, 2011, 11, 2103-2115.

Structure Publications:

1. **Zhang, Y.**, Zhan, C., Patskovsky, Y., Ramagopal, U., Shi, W., Toro, R., Wengerter, B.C., Milstein, S., Vidal, M., Burley, S.K., Almo, S.C. Structure of *Caenorhabditis elegans* UDP-Glucose Dehydrogenase. 2006, **PDB ID: 2O3J**.
2. Dai, Z., Zhang, X.N., Nasertorabi, F., Cheng, Q., Pei, H., Louie, S.G., Stevens, C.R., **Zhang, Y.**, Crystal Structure of Human CD38 in Complex with 4'-Thioribose NAD⁺. 2018, **PDB ID: 6EDR**.
3. Dai, Z., Zhang, X.N. Nasertorabi, F., Han, G.W., Stevens, C.R., **Zhang, Y.**, X-ray structure of human CD38 catalytic domain with 2'-Cl-araNAD⁺. 2020, **PDB ID: 6VUA**.

Patents:

1. **Zhang, Y.** Functionalized Poly-ADP-Ribose Polymers for Drug Delivery. PCT Application, filed on March 27, 2020
2. **Zhang, Y.** Genetically Modified Exosomes for Immune Modulation. PCT Application, filed on March 27, 2020
3. **Zhang, Y.**, Dai, Z. and Zhang, X.N. 4-Thioribose NAD Analogues and Methods of Synthesizing and Using the Same, Provisional Application, filed on October 5, 2018
4. **Zhang, Y.**, Shi, X., and Cheng, Q., Synthetic Extracellular Vesicles for Novel Therapies, PCT Application, filed on July 26, 2018
5. **Zhang, Y.** and Zhang, X-N., Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide Analogues, PCT Application, filed on June 9, 2018
6. **Zhang, Y.** and Chen, J., An ELISA-Like Assay for Quantifying Enzymatic Activities of Mono-ADP-Ribosyltransferases, PCT Application, filed on September 27, 2017
7. **Zhang, Y.** and Dai, Z., Methods of Constructing Immunoglobulin Fusion Proteins Inhibiting Cathepsin B and Compositions Thereof, PCT Application, filed on March 31, 2017
8. Wang, F., **Zhang, Y.**, Wang, Y., Liu, Y. and Schultz, P., Coiled Coil Immunoglobulin Fusion Proteins and Compositions Thereof, PCT Application, filed on July 11, 2014.
9. Wang, F., **Zhang, Y.**, Liu, T., Wang, Y., Du, J., Liu, Y. and Schultz, P., Immunoglobulin Fusion Proteins and Compositions Thereof, PCT Application, filed on July 11, 2014.
10. Wang, F., **Zhang, Y.** and Schultz, P. Bovine Fusion Antibodies, PCT Application, filed on January 10, 2014.
11. Bazirgan, O.A., Mao, H.H., Smider, V., Ekiert, D., Schultz, P., Wang, F., Wilson, I. and **Zhang, Y.** Ultralong Complementarity Determining Regions and Uses Thereof, PCT Application, filed on January 9, 2013.

Research Support:

USC School of Pharmacy New Faculty Start-up Fund (PI: Y. Zhang)	12/01/14 – 06/30/20	
USC Undergraduate Research Associates Program Grant	07/01/19 – 06/30/20	\$4,650

“Targeting Hepatocellular Carcinoma with Inhibitory Antibodies” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
USC Sharon L. Cockrell Cancer Research Fund	07/01/17 – 06/30/20	\$5,000
“Novel Antibody Drugs for Targeted Cancer Therapies” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
STOP CANCER Research Career Development Award	02/01/18 – 01/31/21	\$150,000
“Development of Novel Cancer Immunotherapeutics” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
USC School of Pharmacy Interdisciplinary Research Award	10/01/18 – 09/30/20	\$34,456
“CD99/FLT3 Bispecific Antibodies, New Immunotherapy for Acute Myeloid Leukemia” (Co-I: Y. Zhang)		
Department of Defense CDMRP Career Development Award	07/01/19 – 06/30/22	\$593,996
“Developing Novel Immunotherapeutics for Acute Myeloid Leukemia” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
AACR-Bayer Innovation and Discovery Grant	07/01/19 – 06/30/20	\$25,000
“Targeting Renal Cell Carcinoma with Novel Immunotherapeutics” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
CBCRP Innovative Development and Exploratory Award	08/01/19 – 01/31/21	\$247,500
“Immunotherapeutic Exosomes for Triple Negative Breast Cancer” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
TRDRP New Investigator Award	09/02/19 – 09/01/22	\$990,000
“Novel Immunotherapeutics for Cigarette-Smoking Associated Acute Myeloid Leukemia” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
<u>Completed Research Grant:</u>		
Chinese American Faculty Association Faculty Development Grant	03/07/15 – 03/06/16	\$2,000
“Toward the Roles of PARP-14 in Cancer Pathogenesis” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
USC Undergraduate Research Associates Program Grant	07/01/15 – 06/30/16	\$3,200
“Endogenous Targets of PARP-16 and Novel Therapeutic Tools for Breast Cancer” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
USC Ming Hsieh Institute for Engineering Medicine for Cancer	07/01/15 – 08/30/16	\$120,000
“Engineering Exosome Nanoparticles for Targeted Cancer Therapies” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
USC Undergraduate Research Associates Program Grant	07/01/16 – 06/30/17	\$6,400
“Profiling PARP-16-Centered Interactome in Cancer Cells” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
USC Research Center for Liver Diseases (NIH 2P30DK048522)	03/01/16/ – 02/28/18	\$100,000
“Role of PARP14 in Hepatocarcinogenesis” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
USC Undergraduate Research Associates Program Grant	07/01/17 – 06/30/18	\$4,800
“Delineating Cellular ADP-Ribosylation for Novel Cancer Therapies” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
USC Ming Hsieh Institute for Engineering Medicine for Cancer	07/01/17 – 08/30/18	\$130,000
“Developing Novel Immuno-nanoparticles for Colorectal Cancer” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant	09/01/17 – 08/31/18	\$30,000
“Novel Immunotherapeutics Targeting Human Breast Cancers” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
V Foundation Scholar Grant	11/01/16 – 11/01/18	\$200,000
“Mapping PARP14-based Interactome in Cancer Cells” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
USC Ming Hsieh Institute for Engineering Medicine for Cancer	07/01/18 – 08/31/19	\$140,000
“Development of Novel Immunotherapeutics for Breast Cancer” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) Foundation New Investigator Grant	08/01/17 – 07/31/19	\$40,000
“Targeting Metastatic Colorectal Cancer with Novel Immuno-Nanoparticles” (PI: Y. Zhang)		
USC Stevens Technology Advancement Grant	07/01/18 – 06/30/19	\$50,000
“Pharmacology of Immunotherapeutic Exosomes” (PI: Y. Zhang)		

PhRMA Foundation Research Starter Grant in Translational Medicine and Therapeutics “Novel Immunotherapeutics for Colorectal Cancer” (PI: Y. Zhang)	09/01/18 – 08/31/19	\$100,000
V Foundation Scholar PLUS Grant “Mapping Post-Translational Modification-Dependent Interactome in Cancer Cells” (PI: Y. Zhang)	02/01/19 – 01/31/20	\$100,000

Invited Talks:

1. Engineering Extracellular Vesicles for Breast Cancer Immunotherapy, USC Breast Cancer Program Meeting, November 2019
2. Devising Artificial Biomolecules at the Interface of Chemistry and Biology, the Minority Opportunities in Research (MORE) Programs at California State University, Los Angeles, CA, October 2019
3. Developing Novel Immunotherapeutics for Cancer, Fulgent Pharma, Temple City, CA, October, 2018
4. From Bench to Clinical Applications: Money Talks, USC Center for Excellence in Research, October 2018
5. CD99/FLT3 Bispecific Antibodies, New Immunotherapy for Acute Myeloid Leukemia, USC School of Pharmacy Board of Councilors Meeting, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, October, 2018
6. Development of Novel Cancer Immunotherapeutics, Genentech-STOP CANCER Annual Research meeting, April 2018
7. Elucidating the Role of Protein ADP-Ribosylation in Hepatocellular Carcinoma, USC Research Center for Liver Diseases 22st Annual Symposium, March 2018
8. Targeting Extracellular Proteases with Novel Therapeutic Antibodies, USC Factor Meeting, November, 2017
9. Targeting Extracellular Proteases with Novel Antibody Therapeutics for Breast Cancer, USC Breast Cancer Program Meeting, August 2017
10. Systematic Deciphering of Epigenetic Landscape in Hepatocellular Carcinoma, USC Research Center for Liver Diseases 21st Annual Symposium, March 2017
11. Role of PARP14 in Hepatocarcinogenesis, USC Research Center for Liver Diseases 20th Annual Symposium, January 2016
12. Rational Design of Humanized Agonist Antibodies, 13th Annual Discovery on Target-Antibodies against Membrane Protein Targets, Boston, MA, September 2015
13. Rational Design of Novel Biomolecules for Drug Discovery, Translational and Clinical Sciences Program, USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, July 2015
14. Investigating and Engineering Novel Biomolecules for Drug Discovery, Department of Chemistry, University of Southern California, CA, February 2015
15. Investigating and Engineering Novel Biomolecules for Drug Discovery, School of Life Sciences, Shandong University, China, September 2014
16. Expanding the Repertoire of Antibody CDR Fusion Proteins for Long-Lived Therapeutics, Rising Stars Symposium in Chemical Biology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, December 2013
17. Transition State Structures of *Plasmodium falciparum* and Human Orotate Phosphoribosyltransferases, Gordon Research Conferences – Isotopes in Biological & Chemical Sciences, Ventura, CA, February 2008.

Conference Poster Presentations:

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