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Academic Qualifications

- 1986-1990 B. Agri. Department of Horticulture, Huazhong Agricultural University
1992-1995 M.Sc. Department of Genetics, Wuhan University
1998-2003 Ph. D Department of Biological Sciences, National University of Singapore

Employment History

- 2017-present Associate professor, Macau University of Science and Technology
2009-2016 Assistant professor, Department of Biochemistry, National University of Singapore
2006-2008 Research associate, The Gurdon Institute, University of Cambridge
(Advisor: Prof Magdalena Zernicka-Goetz)
2003-2006 Postdoctoral fellow, Genome Institute of Singapore
(Advisor: Prof Ng Huck Hui)
2002-2003 Research assistant, National University of Singapore
(Supervisor: Dr. Philippa Melamed)
1996-1998 Administrator, Wuhan Science and Technology Committee, China
1995-1996 Assistant Lecturer, Tongji Medical University, Wuhan, China
1990-1992 Administrator, Qingling Horticultural Farm, Wuhan, China

Recent Awards

- 2006-2008 Wellcome Trust postdoctoral fellowship

2003-2006 Genome Institute of Singapore postdoctoral fellowship

1998-2002 National University of Singapore postgraduate scholarship

Editorial Services

Academic editor of *PLoS ONE* (July 2010-present)

Guest editor of *Stem Cells International* (2015)

Lead guest editor of *Stem Cells International* (2016-2017, 2020)

Academic Editor of *Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology* (from 2021)

Academic editor of *Stem Cell Review and Reports* (from 2021)

Section editor of *Current Gene Therapy* (Epigenetics section) (from 2021)

Section editor of *Heliyon* (Genetics section) (from 2021)

Membership in Professional Societies

Member of the International Society for Stem Cell Research

Member of the Stem Cell Society Singapore

Member and the Vice president of Macau Society for Stem Cell Research

Research Interests:

Stem Cell Biology, Epigenetics, Gene Regulation, Chinese Medicine. Cancer Biology.

Peer Reviewing Services

Referee for *Nucleic Acids Research*, *Nature Communications*, *Stem Cells*, *Stem Cell Research*, *Protein & Cell*, *Cell Proliferation*, *Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology*, *Frontiers in Immunology*, *Frontiers in Oncology*, *Frontiers in Pharmacology*, *Stem Cells*, *Stem Cell Reviews and Reports*, *Stem Cells Translational Medicine*, *Stem Cell Research*, *Stem Cells International*, *Stem Cells and Development*, *Oncotargets*, *Experimental Cell Research*, *International Journal of Biochemistry & Cell Biology*, *Journal of Genetics and Genomics*, *BMC Medical Genetics*, *Phytomedicine*, *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta*, *PLoS ONE*, *Heliyon*, *Scientific Reports*, *Phytomedicine*, *Current Opinion in Pharmacology*, *STAR Protocols*.

Grant reviewing Services

Medical Research Council UK grants

China National Natural Science Foundation (Key and General program)

Singapore Biomedical Research Council grants

Hong Kong Research Grants Council grants

National University Health System (Singapore) (Seed grants, Bench to Bedside grants, Aspiration grants)

National University of Singapore (Academic research grants).

Teaching History:

In Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST):

Undergraduate modules: Life Sciences (coordinator and the sole teacher), Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Pharmacology and Toxicology, Molecular Pharmacology (Creator and coordinator).

Graduate modules: Methodology in Pharmacology of Chinese Medicines, Modern Biotechnology, Advances in Chinese Medicine Pharmaceuticals.

In National University Singapore (NUS):

Undergraduate modules: Epigenetics and Chromatin Biology (creator and coordinator), Stem Cell Biology, Experimental Biochemistry, Laboratory Techniques in Life Sciences.

Graduate Modules: Techniques in Biomedical Research, Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine.

Publications ((59 publications. Total citations over 5,500. H-index 19)

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2. Qian Y, Ye Y, Zhang W, **Wu Q**#. Npac Regulates Pre-mRNA Splicing in Mouse Embryonic Stem Cells. *International Journal of Molecular Sciences*. 2024 Sep 27;25 (19):10396.
3. Le M, Lu W, Tan X, Luo B, Yu T, Sun Y, Guo Z, Huang P, Zhu D, **Wu Q**, Ganesan A, Wen S. Design, Synthesis, and Biological Evaluation of Potent EZH2/LSD1 Dual Inhibitors for Prostate Cancer. *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*. 2024 Sep 12;67(17):15586-15605.
4. Song C, Zhang Z, Leng D, He Z, Wang X, Liu W, Zhang W, **Wu Q**, Zhao Q, Chen G. ERK5 promotes autocrine expression to sustain mitogenic balance for cell fate specification in human pluripotent stem cells. *Stem Cell Reports*. 2024 Sep 10;19(9):1320-1335.
5. Ma X, Dai L, Tan C, Li J, He X, Wang Y, Xue J, Huang M, Ren J, Xia Y, Wu Q, Zhao H, Chan WY, Feng B. β -catenin mediates endodermal commitment of human ES cells via distinct transactivation functions. *Cell & Bioscience*. 2024 Jul 24;14(1):96.
6. Xiao X, Zhang M, Qian Y, Wang X and **Wu Q**#. KLF9 regulates osteogenic differentiation of mesenchymal stem cells. *Journal of Molecular Histology*. 2024 Aug;55(4):503-512.
7. Fu L, **Wu Q**#, Fu J#. Exploring the biological roles of DHX36, a DNA/RNA G-quadruplex helicase, highlights functions in male infertility: A comprehensive review. *International Journal of Biological Macromolecules*. 2024 May;268(Pt 2):131811.

8. Sun B#, Cheng X, **Wu Q#**. The Endometrial Stem/Progenitor Cells and Their Niches. **Stem Cell Reviews and Reports**. 2024 Jul;20(5):1273-1284.
9. Huang M, Liao X, Wang X and **Wu Q#**. POZ/BTB and AT hook containing zinc finger 1 (PATZ1) suppresses differentiation and regulates metabolism in human embryonic stem cells. **International Journal of Biological Sciences** 2024 20(4):1142-1159
10. Wang X, Song C, Ye Y, Gu Y, Li X, Chen P, Leng D, Xiao J, Wu H, Xie S, Liu W, Zhao Q, Chen D, Chen X, **Wu Q#**, Chen G#, Zhang W#. BRD9-mediated control of the TGF- β /Activin/Nodal pathway regulates self-renewal and differentiation of human embryonic stem cells and progression of cancer cells. **Nucleic Acids Research** 2023 Oct 23:gkad907.
11. Ma L, He X and **Wu Q#**. The Molecular Regulatory Mechanism in Multipotency and Differentiation of Wharton's Jelly Stem Cells **International Journal of Molecular Sciences** 2023 24(16):12909.
12. Ma L, **Wu Q#** and Tam PK#. The Current Proceedings of PSC-Based Liver Fibrosis Therapy. **Stem Cell Reviews and Reports**. 2023 Jul 25. doi: 10.1007/s12015-023-10592-4.
13. Zhang M, Liao X, Ji G, Fan X# and **Wu Q#**. High Expression of COA6 Is Related to Unfavorable Prognosis and Enhanced Oxidative Phosphorylation in Lung Adenocarcinoma. **International Journal of Molecular Sciences** 2023 Mar 16;24(6):5705.
14. Wang X, Fan Y and **Wu#**. The regulation of transcription elongation in embryonic stem cells. **Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology** 2023 023 Nov 27;51(21):11634-116.
15. Yin L, Huang G, Khan I, Su L, Xia W, Law BYK, Wong VKW, **Wu Q**, Wang J, Leong WK, Hsiao WLW. Poria cocos polysaccharides exert prebiotic function to attenuate the adverse effects and improve the therapeutic outcome of 5-FU in ApcMin/+ mice. **Chinese Medicine** 2022 Oct 3;17(1):116.
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17. Huang M, **Wu Q#**, Jiang ZH#. Epigenetic Alterations under Oxidative Stress in Stem Cells. **Oxidative Medicine and Cellular Longevity** 2022 Aug 29;2022:6439097.
18. Wang X, **Wu Q#**. The Divergent Pluripotent States in Mouse and Human Cells. **Genes** (Basel). 2022 Aug 16;13(8):1459.
19. Ma L, Huang M, Liao X, Cai X, **Wu Q#**. NR2F2 Regulates Cell Proliferation and Immunomodulation in Whartons' Jelly Stem Cells. **Genes** (Basel). 2022 Aug 16;13(8):1458.
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21. Ji G, Xiao X, Huang M, **Wu Q**. Jmjd6 regulates ES cell homeostasis and enhances reprogramming efficiency. **Heliyon**. 2022 Mar 15;8(3):e09105.
22. Fan XX#, **Wu Q#**. Decoding Lung Cancer at Single-Cell Level. **Frontiers in Immunology** 2022 May 23;13:883758.
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