

Dr. Han Ting Chou

CURRICULUM VITAE

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POSITION TITLE Research Scientist II	RESEARCH AREAS Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Quantitative Genetics, Microbiology, Cell Biology, <i>C. elegans</i> Biology

Education:

INSTITUTION	DEGREE/TITLE	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
Georgia State University	M.S.	2005-2007	Microbial Physiology and Genetics
Georgia State University	Ph.D.	2007-2011	Microbial Physiology and Genetics

PhD Dissertation: "L-lysine decarboxylase and cadaverine γ -glutamylolation pathways in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1". **Han-Ting Chou** (2011). Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.

Professional Appointments:

2016-current Research Scientist II/ Dr. Annalise Paaby's Laboratory, Georgia Institute of Technology
2011-2016 Post-doc Associate / Dr. Casonya Johnson's laboratory, Georgia State University
2005-2011 Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Chung-Dar Lu's Laboratory, Georgia State University
1998-2005 Research Specialist / Dr. Shen Chung lee's Laboratory, National Taiwan University

Current Research Topics:

1) Applications of NGS: BSA and *de novo* Genome Assembly

With the advances in bioinformatics, I am currently setting up a high-resolution mapping system which combines Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) techniques with Bulk Segregant Analysis (BSA). This approach is a powerful tool to study complex traits where many genes / modifiers are involved. Currently, I am using this approach to study the natural variations in gonadal RNAi susceptibility in *C. elegans* wild isolates.

In parallel to the BSA approach, I *de novo* assembled genomes of many wild isolates which exhibit difficulties with re-sequencing due to large amount of recombination and in/del regions. I successfully established a workflow using Illumina HiSeq and Discover *de novo* assembly with high confidence.

2) High-Throughput smFISH with Lab on a Chip

One of my research dreams is to combine bioinformatics and engineering to solve biological problems. Taking the geographical advantage of Georgia Tech, I collaborate closely with engineers of Dr. Hang Lu's laboratory to develop a high-throughput imaging and quantitation workflow to collect smFISH data from worm embryos. I use a machine learning approach on MatLab to quantify mRNA, and microfluidics chip to collect larger sample sizes of high statistical significance. This challenging interdisciplinary project is finishing soon expecting a series of related articles to be published in near future.

Other Experiences and Professional Memberships:

2017- Panelist, Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences, NSF
2016- Panel reviewer, Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences, NSF
2015- Reviewer, Scientific Reports, Nature Publishing Group
2015- Reviewer, G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics by the Genetics Society of America
2012- Ad-Hoc reviewer, Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences, NSF
2018- Member, Society for Molecular Biology & Evolution
2012- Member, Genetics Society of America
2007-2011 Member, American Society of Microbiology

Instructional Activities

- Spring 2013 Invited Lecturer, Advanced Genetics, BIOL 6564, GSU
Fall 2012 Invited Lecturer, Molecular and Genetic Mechanisms of Development, BIOL8710, GSU
Summer 2012 Co-Instructor, “Wiggle Your Way to This”, GSU Bio-Bus
Fall 2010 Consultant, Genetics Laboratory BIOL 3910, GSU
2007-2009 Teaching Assistant, Genetics Laboratory BIOL 3910, GSU

Awards and Honors

- 2007-2011 Graduate Fellowship - Molecular Basis of Disease Program
2008 Ahmed T. Abdelal Graduate Fellowship in Molecular Genetics, Georgia State University
2009 Graduate Award for Outstanding Instruction – Arts and Sciences, Georgia State University

Oral Presentations

1. Genetic Basis of Natural Variations in Germline RNAi in *C. elegans*. Symposium: SY27 Quantitative genetics of developmental evolution, SBE 2018, Yokohama, Japan, July 11, 2018
2. Post-Embryonic HES-Mediated Repression of PTEN in *Caenorhabditis elegans*. Worm Club Meeting, Emory University, Atlanta. October 19, 2015
3. Fluorescence-Based Detection of Protein Interactions in Living *Caenorhabditis elegans*. Worm Club Meeting, Emory University, Atlanta. April 9, 2012.
4. L-lysine Catabolism Controlled by Arginine/ArgR in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1. Seminar series. Department of Biology, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, October 1, 2010

Manuscripts in Preparation

1. Genetic Basis of Natural Variations in RNAi Susceptibility during Early Embryogenesis in *C. elegans*. **Chou HT** and Paaby AB
2. Evolution of Germline RNAi Resistance in *C. elegans*. **Chou HT**, Pollard D, Rockman MV, and Paaby AB
3. High Throughput smFISH for Worm Embryos using Microfluidic Chips. Charles S, **Chou HT**, Paaby AB, Lu H

Selected Peer-reviewed Publications

1. Molecular Characterization of *lysR-lysXE*, *gcdR-gcdHG*, and *amaR-amaAB* Operons for Lysine Export and Catabolism: A Comprehensive Lysine Catabolic Network in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1. Indurthi SM, **Chou HT**, Lu CD. *Microbiology*. 2016 May;162(5):876-88
2. HES-Mediated Repression of PTEN in *Caenorhabditis elegans*. **Chou HT**, Vazquez RG, Wang K, Campbell R, Milledge GZ, Walthall WW, Johnson CM. *G3 (Bethesda)*. 2015 Oct 4;5(12):2619-28
3. Functional Characterization of the *agtABCD* and *agtSR* Operons for γ -Aminobutyrate and δ -Aminovalerate Uptake and Regulation in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1. **Chou HT**, Li J, and Lu CD. *Curr. Microbiology*. 2014 Jan;68(1):59-63.
4. Genome-wide Microarray Analysis Reveals Roles for the REF-1 Family Member HLH-29 in Ferritin Synthesis and Peroxide Stress Response. Quach TK, **Chou HT**, Wang K, Milledge GZ, and Johnson CM. *PLoS One*. 2013 Mar;8(3):e59719
5. Molecular Characterization of PauR in Control of Putrescine and Cadaverine Catabolism Through g-Glutamylation Pathway in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1. **Chou HT**, Li J, Peng YC, and Lu CD. *J Bacteriol*. 2013 Sep;195(17):3906-13
6. Promoter Recognition and Activation by the Global Response Regulator CbrB in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Abdou L, **Chou HT**, Haas D, and Lu CD. *J Bacteriol*. 2011 Jun; 193(11): 2784–2792
7. L-lysine Catabolism is Controlled by Arginine/ArgR in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1. **Chou HT**, Hegazy M, Lu CD. *J Bacteriol*. 2010 Nov;192(22):5874-80

8. Synthesis and Evaluation of New Antagonists of Bacterial Quorum Sensing in *Vibrio harveyi*. Peng H, Cheng Y, Ni N, Li M, Choudhary G, **Chou HT**, Lu CD, Tai PC, Wang B. *ChemMedChem*. 2009 Sep;4(9):1457-68
9. Inhibition of Quorum Sensing in *Vibrio harveyi* by Boronic Acids. Ni N, Choudhary G, Peng H, Li M, **Chou HT**, Lu CD, Gilbert ES, Wang B. *Chem Biol Drug Des*. 2009 Jul;74(1):51-6
10. Structure-based Discovery and Experimental Verification of Novel AI-2 Quorum Sensing Inhibitors Against *Vibrio harveyi*. Li M, Ni N, **Chou HT**, Lu CD, Tai PC, Wang B. *ChemMedChem*. 2008 Aug;3(8):1242-9
11. Identification of Boronic Acids as Antagonists of Bacterial Quorum Sensing in *Vibrio harveyi*. Ni N, **Chou HT**, Wang J, Li M, Lu CD, Tai PC, Wang B. *Biochem Biophys Res Commun*. 2008 May 2;369(2):590-4
12. Transcriptome Analysis of Agmatine and Putrescine Catabolism in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1. **Chou HT**, Kwon DH, Hegazy M, Lu CD. *J Bacteriol*. 2008 Mar;190(6):1966-75
13. CDK-dependent Activation of Poly(ADP-ribose) Polymerase Member 10 (PARP10). Chou HY, **Chou HT**, Lee SC. *J Biol Chem*. 2006 Jun 2;281(22):15201-7

Patent: PCT/US2008066028. Compositions for Regulating or Modulating Quorum Sensing in Bacteria. Methods of Using the Compounds, and Methods of Regulating or Modulating Quorum Sensing in Bacteria. Inventors: Binghe Wang, Nanting Ni, Junfeng Wang, Chung-Dar Lu, **Han-Ting Chou**, Minyong Li, Shilong Zheng, Yunfeng Cheng, Hanjing Peng. IPC8 Class: AA01N5508FI, USPC Class: 514 64, Publication date: 06/03/2010, Patent application number: 20100137249

Selected Abstract Presentations

1. Natural Variations in RNAi Susceptibility for *C. elegans* Embryos at Early Developmental Stages. Han Ting Chou, Diptodip Deb, Annalise B. Paaby. 21st International *C. elegans* Conference. UCLA, June 21-25, 2017
2. A Molecular and Genetic Characterization of HLH-25 Uncovers the Conservation of HES-mediated Repression of PTEN in *Caenorhabditis elegans*. Han Ting Chou and Casonya M. Johnson. Developmental Biology-Gordon Research Conference. Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, June 21-26, 2015
3. Peroxide Stress Response and Ferritin Synthesis Regulation by the REF-1 Family Member HLH-29. Chou HT and Johnson CM. 19th International *C. elegans* Meeting. UCLA, Los Angeles, 2013
4. A Novel Fluorescence-Based Method to Visualize Protein-Protein Interactions in Living *Caenorhabditis elegans*. Chou HT and Johnson CM. *C. elegans* Development, Cell Biology & Gene Expression Conference. University of Wisconsin – Madison. 2012
5. L-lysine Catabolism Controlled by Arginine/ArgR in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1. Chou HT and Lu CD. The American Society for Microbiology 110th General Meeting, San Diego, 2010
6. Putrescine Catabolism in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1. Chou HT and Lu CD. The American Society for Microbiology 108th General Meeting, Boston, 2008