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HIGHLIGHTS

- Teach medicinal chemistry, drug design and pharmacology in pharmaceutical science and pharmacy programs.
- Broad research experiences in multiple scientific disciplines, such as Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmacology, Chemical Biology and Chemical Toxicology. In-depth knowledge of drug discovery and development.
- Hand-on experience on drug design, organic synthesis, analytical chemistry and instrumentation (HPLC, LC-MS, etc.), *in vitro* drug metabolism, experimental design for pharmacological characterization of novel drug candidates.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry, Department of Chemical Biology, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Peking University Health Science Center, China.
- B. S. in Medicinal Chemistry, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Peking University Health Science Center, China.

WORKING EXPERIENCES

- 08/2021- Associate Teaching Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Northeastern University.
- 09/2013- 08/2021 Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Wayne State University.
- 11/2004-09/2013 Postdoctoral Research Associate and Research Assistant Professor, Department of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- 09/2002-10/2004 Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Chemistry, Washington University in St. Louis.

PUBLICATIONS (* corresponding author)

1. **Zhihui Qin***, Siyu Ou, Liping Xu, Kathleen Sorensen, Yingxue Zhang, Dan-ping Hu, Zhe Yang, Wen-Yang Hu, Fei Chen, Gail S. Prins Design and synthesis of isothiocyanate-containing hybrid androgen receptor (AR) antagonists to downregulate AR and induce ferroptosis in GSH-deficient prostate cancer cells *Chemical Biology and Drug Design*, 2021, 97, 1059-78 DOI: [10.1111/cbdd.13826](https://doi.org/10.1111/cbdd.13826)
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3. Yi Liao, Liping Xu, Siyu Ou, Holly Edwards, Daniel Luedtke, Yubin Ge, **Zhihui Qin*** H₂O₂/peroxynitrite-activated hydroxamic acid HDAC inhibitor prodrugs show antileukemic activities in AML cells *ACS Medicinal Chemistry Letters*, 2018, 9, 635-640. DOI: [10.1021/acsmchemlett.8b00057](https://doi.org/10.1021/acsmchemlett.8b00057)
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7. Jia Luo, Sue H. Lee, Lawren VandeVrede, **Zhihui Qin**, Sujeewa Piyankarage, Ehsan Tavassoli, Rezene T. Asghodom, Manel Ben Aissa, Mauro Fà, Ottavio Arancio, Lan Yue, David R. Pepperberg, Gregory R. J. Thatcher Re-engineering a neuroprotective, clinical drug as a procognitive agent with high in vivo potency and with GABAA potentiating activity for use in dementia *BMC Neuroscience*, 2015, 16, 67-76. DOI: [10.1186/s12868-015-0208-9](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12868-015-0208-9)
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