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## Education

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### City University of Hong Kong

PHD, PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTRY

• Advisor: Prof. Hongyan Sun

Hong Kong

2018 - 2021

### Jinan University

MS, MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY

• Advisor: Prof. Ke Ding

Guangzhou, China

2015 - 2018

### Wuhan Institute of Technology

BE, PHARMACEUTICAL ENGINEERING

• Advisor: Prof. Shuangxi Gu

Wuhan, China

2010 - 2014

## Professional Experience

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2024- **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry · UCSF, Advisor: Prof. Adam Renslo

2022-2024 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Sun Yat-sen University, Advisor: Prof. Wenbin Deng

2021-2022 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Department of Chemistry, City University of Hong Kong, Advisor: Prof. Hongyan Sun

## Research Interests

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Pharmaceutical Science, Medicinal Chemistry, Chemoproteomics

## Skills & Expertise

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Synthetic Organic Chemistry; Chemical Analysis; Protein Biology; Chemoproteomics; Bioinformatic Analysis

Molecular Docking; Peptide Chemistry; Drug Discovery; Fluorescence Probe Development

## Awards & Fellowships

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2018-2021 **Postgraduate Studentship**, City University of Hong Kong

2018 **Creative Research Award**, Jinan University

2015-2018 **Postgraduate fellowship**, Jinan University

## Research Experience

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### University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) - Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry

San Francisco, CA

ADVISORS: PROF. ADAM RENSLO, PROF. MICHAEL EVANS

2024- present

• Project: "Trioxolane-Based trappable Radio-Probes for Precise Cancer Theranostics"

### Sun Yat-sen University - School of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Shenzhen)

Shenzhen, China

ADVISORS: PROF. WENBIN DENG, PROF. LIN MEI, PROF. HONGYAN SUN

2022 - 2024

• Project: "Self-Assembled Nano-PROTAC for Targeted, Activatable, and Synergetic Cancer Photo-Chemo-Dynamic Therapy"

## City University of Hong Kong - Department of Chemistry

Hong Kong

ADVISOR: PROF. HONGYAN SUN

2018 - 2022

- Thesis: "Developing Isoxazole-Based Photo-Cross-Linkers for Chemical Proteomics and a Self-Assembly Targeted Probe for Cancer Phototherapy"

## Jinan University - College of Pharmacy

Guangzhou, China

ADVISORS: PROF. KE DING, PROF. ZHENGQIU LI

2015-2018

- Thesis: "Tetrazole-Based Probes for Integrated Phenotypic Screening, Affinity-Based Proteome Profiling, and Sensitive Detection of a Cancer Biomarker"

## Wuhan Institute of Technology - College of Engineering and Pharmacy

Wuhan, China

ADVISOR: PROF. SHUANGXI GU

2013-2014

- Dissertation: Synthetic Preparation of a series of Aryl Sulfofocyanic Esters

## Presentations

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Winter, 2019. Conference Poster, Dutch Chemistry Conference CHAINS, The Netherlands

Summer, 2017. Invited Speaker, Annual Conference of Guangdong Pharmaceutical Society, Guangzhou, China

## Teaching Experience

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2020 Principles of Organic Chemistry, Teaching Assistant

CityU

2018 Chemistry, Teaching Assistant

CityU

## Publications

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**Cheng, K.**; Lee, J. S.; Hao, P.; Yao, S. Q.; Ding, K.; Li, Z., Tetrazole-Based Probes for Integrated Phenotypic Screening, Affinity-Based Proteome Profiling, and Sensitive Detection of a Cancer Biomarker. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2017, 56 (47), 15044-15048.

**Cheng, K.**; Qi, J.; Ren, X.; Zhang, J.; Li, H.; Xiao, H.; Wang, R.; Liu, Z.; Meng, L.; Ma, N.; Sun, H., Developing Isoxazole as a Native Photo-Cross-Linker for Photoaffinity Labeling and Chemoproteomics. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2022, 61 (47), e202209947.

**Cheng, K.**; Qi, J.; Zhang J.; Li H.; Ren X.; Wei W.; Meng L.; Jing L.; Li. Q.; Zhang H.; Deng W.; Sun H.; Mei L., Self-Assembled Nano-photosensitizer for Targeted, Activatable, and Biosafe Cancer Phototheranostics. *Biomaterials* 2022, 291, 121916.

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Zheng, G.; Li, Z.; Duan, Q.; **Cheng, K.**; He, Y.; Huang, S.; Zhang, H.; Jiang, Y.; Jia, Y.; Sun, H., Two Quenching Groups are Better Than One: a Robust Strategy for Constructing HOCl Fluorescent Probe with Minimized Background Fluorescence and Ultra-high Sensitivity and its Application of HOCl Imaging in Living Cells and Tissues. *Sens. Actuators B Chem.* 2020, 310, 127890.

- Zhang, J.; Wen, G.; Wang, W.; **Cheng, K.**; Guo, Q.; Tian, S.; Liu, C.; Hu, H.; Zhang, Y.; Zhang, H., Controllable Cleavage of C–N Bond-based Fluorescent and Photoacoustic Dual-modal Probes for the Detection of H<sub>2</sub>S in Living Mice. *ACS Appl. Bio Mater.* 2020, 4 (3), 2020-2025.
- Li, H.; Guan, C.; Zhang, J.; **Cheng, K.**; Chen, Q.; He, L.; Ge, X.; Lai, Y.; Sun, H.; Zhang, Z., Robust Artificial Interphases Constructed by a Versatile Protein-Based Binder for High-Voltage Na-Ion Battery Cathodes. *Adv. Mater.* 2022, 34 (29), 2202624.
- Zhang, J.; Shi, H.; Huang, C.; Mei, L.; Guo, Q.; **Cheng, K.**; Wu, P.; Su, D.; Chen, Q.; Gan, S.; Wing Chan, C. K.; Shi, J.; Chen, J. L.; Jonathan Choi, C. H.; Yao, S. Q.; Chen, X.-K.; Tang, B. Z.; He, J.; Sun, H., De Novo Designed Self-Assembling Rhodamine Probe for Real-Time, Long-Term and Quantitative Live-Cell Nanoscopy. *ACS Nano* 2023, 17(4), 3632–3644.
- Li, H.; Zhang, W.; Han, Z.; Sun, K.; Gao, C.; **Cheng, K.**; Liu, Z.; Chen, Q.; Zhang, J.; Lai, Y., Pseudocapacitance Enhanced by N-defects in Na<sub>3</sub>MnTi(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>/N-doped Carbon Composite for Symmetric Full Sodium-ion Batteries. *Mater. Today Energy* 2021, 21, 100754.
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## Patents

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