

# MINGMING ZHAO

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### EDUCATION

<b>University of Macau</b> PHD; Biomedical sciences	<b>Macao, China</b> Aug 2018-Jan 2023
<b>Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine</b> MSc; Pharmacognosy	<b>Chengdu, China</b> Aug 2015-Jun 2018
<b>Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine</b> BSc; Tibetan Medicine	<b>Chengdu, China</b> Aug 2011-Jun 2015

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<b>University of Mississippi</b> <i>Postdoctoral Research Associate</i>	<b>Oxford, United States</b> Aug 2024-present
<b>Develop mass spectrometry-based radical protein footprinting (RPF) approach to study the structural pharmacology of protein pharmaceuticals in whole blood.</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Characterize protein conformation and interactions within the native biomedical matrix of whole blood from type 2 diabetes models using mass spectrometry integrated with RPF.</li></ul>	
<b>University of Macau</b> <i>PhD Researcher</i>	<b>Macao, China</b> Aug 2018 – Jan 2023
<b>Develop and apply Mass spectrometry (GC-MS, LC-MS)-based Targeted/Untargeted metabolomics for marker compounds discovery for phytochemical products.</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Conducted a multidisciplinary project incorporating targeted metabolomics with GC-MS, untargeted metabolomics with UPLC-Q-TOF/MS and in vitro anti-inflammation effect evaluation for quality consistency assessment of traditional Chinese herbal medicine <i>Bupleuri Radix</i>.</li><li>Revealed metabolomic profile of <i>camellias</i> with GC-MS, UPLC-Q-TOF/MS based metabolomics, leading to a development of quality control standards for three <i>yellow camellias</i> using okicamelliaside as bio-marker.</li></ul>	
<b>Natural products discovery using in vitro/vivo models integrating with downstream medicinal chemistry technics.</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Comparatively Investigated the in vitro anti-inflammatory and in-vivo antipyretic effects of Chinese medicine <i>Bupleuri. chinense</i> DC. and <i>B. scorzonerifolium</i> Willd., leading to the fractionation and purification of 18 for the former and 21 compounds for the latter as the bioactive equivalent combinatorial components with HPLC-HRMS and preparative HPLC approaches.</li></ul>	
<b>Develop and apply analytical methods for quality control of innovative pharmaceutical formulations.</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Participated in the development of European quantitative standards of the Chinese herbal medicine <i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i>, which has been adopted and promulgated by the European Pharmacopoeia (EP10.1).</li></ul>	
<b>Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine</b> <i>Master's Researcher</i>	<b>Chengdu, China</b> Aug 2015-Jun 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Developed quality control methods for Tibetan medicine <i>Shilajit</i> with NMIR, ICP-MS and GC-MS approaches.</li></ul>	

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## AWARDS & HONORS

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- 4<sup>th</sup> *SINO-CPLP* Symposium on natural medicine and Biodiversity Resources  
1<sup>st</sup> runner for Student and Young Scientist Oral Presentation Award  
International Invention Salon  
Gold medal  
Macao, China  
2022  
Geneva, Switzerland  
2019
  - HKUST One-Million-dollar Entrepreneurship grand Final Competition  
Elevator Speech Excellence Award  
Hongkong, China  
2019
  - Hong Kong and Macau Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition  
Second prize  
Hongkong, China  
2019
  - Innovation & Entrepreneurship Contest for PHD candidate of CMS  
First prize  
Macao, China  
2019
  - 14th "Challenge Cup" Sichuan Academic Science and Technology Competition  
Gold medal  
Chengdu, China  
2017

## INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM & FORUM

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- Presentation
- 4<sup>th</sup> *SINO-CPLP* Symposium on natural medicine and Biodiversity Resources  
2022, Macao, China
  - 6<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Phytochemicals in Medicine and Food  
Poster  
2022, Hangzhou, China
  - 4<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Phytochemicals in Medicine and Food  
2020, Xian, China
  - Traditional Medicine International Development Forum (Euro-Africa)  
2019, Lisbon, Portugal

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine  
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Faculty of ethnic medicine  
Led laboratory sessions on Pharmacognosy for 2 semesters (lectured, prepared syllabus, graded exams.)  
Chengdu, China  
2016-2017

## SERVICE

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- *Journal of Frontiers in Pharmacology*  
Guest Associate Editor  
2024-present
  - *Science/Technology Week and Exhibition of Innovation and Technology Results*  
Served as an interpreter for a week  
Macao, China  
2019
  - *Chengdu University of Traditional Chinese Medicine*  
President of the Psychological Association  
Chengdu, China  
2017

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

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- **Analytical chemistry:** LC-MS/MS, QTOF-MS, orbitrap MS, GC-MS, ICP-MS, UPLC, NMIR, Preparative HPLC
  - **Metabolomics :** Targeted/untargeted metabolomics, metabolic pathways, metabolomics data interpretation.
  - **Biochemical skills:** Cell Culture, Cell Proliferation, ELISA, Western Blot, Animal handling, Organ collection.
  - **Medicinal chemistry:** Extraction, fractionation, purification, structure elucidation, bioactive characterization.
  - **Other skills:** Fluent in Chinese, English; International car driving license holder.

## FUNDINGS

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- Quality consistency assessment of traditional Chinese medicine *Bupleuri. chinense* DC. and *B. scorzonifolium* Willd. MYRG, 2022, (0.45 million MOP), Participation
  - Investigation on the protection effects of *Siegesbeckiae* Herba on postoperative cognitive dysfunction, Medical and Health Research Fund of Hong Kong Department of Health, 2019, No. HMRF16171711 (1.18 million HKD), Participation

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (JOURNAL)

- **Zhao, M.M;** Linghu, K. G; Xiao, L.X; Zhao, G. D., Chen, Q.L; Xiong S.H; Shen, L.Y; Yu, J.Y; Hou, X.T; Hao, E.W; Du, Z.C; Deng, J.G; Bai, G; Chen, X.J; Li, L; & Li, p; & Yu, H. (2022). Anti-inflammatory/anti-oxidant properties and the UPLC-QTOF/MS-based metabolomics discrimination of three yellow camellia species, *Food Research International*,: 160 ,111628, 0963-9969. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodres.2022.111628>
- **Zhao, M.M;** Xiao, L.X; Linghu, K. G; Zhao, G. D., Chen, Q.L; Shen, L.Y; Dar, P; Chen, M.W; Hu, Y; Zhang, J.M; & Yu, H. (2022). Comprehensive comparison on the anti-inflammation and GC-MS-based metabolomics discrimination between *Bupleuri chinense* DC. and *B. scorzonerifolium* Willd. *Frontiers in pharmacology*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fphar.2022.1005011>
- Ding, R#, **Zhao, M.M#** (Co-first, author), Fan, J., Hu, X., Wang, M., Zhong, S., & Gu, R. (2020). Mechanisms of generation and exudation of Tibetan medicine Shilajit (Zhaxun). *Chinese medicine*, 15, 65. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13020-020-00343-9>
- Luo, H#, **Zhao, M.M#** (Co-first, author), Tan, D., Liu, C., Yang, L., Qiu, L., Gao, Y., & Yu, H. (2020). Anti-COVID-19 drug screening: Frontier concepts and core technologies. *Chinese medicine*, 15, 115. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13020-020-00393-z>
- **Zhao, M. M.**, Wang, K. R., Gu, R., & Zhong, S. H. (2019). A comparative study on shared-use medicines in Tibetan and Chinese medicine. *Journal of ethnobiology and ethnomedicine*, 15(1), 43. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13002-019-0320-5>
- Linghu, K. G, Zhang, T; Zhang, G.T; Lv, P; Zhang, W.J; Zhao, G.D; Xiong, S.H; Ma, Q.S; **M.M, Zhao**; Chen, M.W; Hu, Y.J; Zhang, C.C; Yu,H.(2023)Small molecule deoxyxyboquinone triggers alkylation and ubiquitination of Keap1 at Cys489 on Kelch domain for Nrf2 activation and inflammatory therapy, *Journal of Pharmaceutical Analysis*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpha.2023.07.009>.
- Xiao, L., **Zhao, M.**, Linghu, K.-G., Wu, G., Zhang, T., Chen, C., . . . Yu, H. (2024). Ganweikang extract protects hepatocytes from oxidative injury by activating Nrf2/HO-1 and MAPKs pathways. *Fitoterapia*, 178, 106146. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.fitote.2024.106146>
- J.Q, Xu, S.B, Su; C. Y, Chen; J. Gao; Z. M; **M.M, Zhao**, H, Yu; Y.J. Hu, "Mechanisms of Ganweikang Tablets against Chronic Hepatitis B: A Comprehensive Study of Network Analysis, Molecular Docking, and Chemical Profiling", (2023 )*BioMed Research International*, Article ID 8782892, 17 pages. <https://doi.org/10.1155/2023/8782892>
- Linghu, K. G., Ma, Q., Xiong, S. H., **Zhao, M. M**; Chen, Q., Xu, W., Chen, M., Zhang, J. Y., Hu, Y., Xu, W., & Yu, H. (2022). The "whole ingredients extract" of *Astragali Radix* improves the symptoms of dextran sulfate sodium-induced ulcerative colitis in mice through systemic immunomodulation. *Chinese medicine*, 17(1), 109. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13020-022-00661-0>
- Chu, J., Abulimiti, A., Wong, B., Zhao, G. D., Xiong, S. H., **Zhao, M. M.**, Wang, Y., Chen, Y., Wang, J., Zhang, Y., Chang, R., Yu, H., & Wong, G. (2022). *Sigesbeckia orientalis* L. Derived Active Fraction Ameliorates Perioperative Neurocognitive Disorders Through Alleviating Hippocampal Neuroinflammation. *Frontiers in pharmacology*, 13, 846631. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fphar.2022.846631>
- Linghu, K. G., Xiong, S. H., Zhao, G. D., Zhang, T., Xiong, W., **Zhao, M.M**, Shen, X. C., Xu, W., Bian, Z., Wang, Y., & Yu, H. (2020). *Sigesbeckia orientalis* L. Extract Alleviated the Collagen Type II-Induced Arthritis Through Inhibiting Multi-Target-Mediated Synovial Hyperplasia and Inflammation. *Frontiers in pharmacology*, 11, 547913. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fphar.2020.547913>
- Luo, H., Vong, C. T., Chen, H., Gao, Y., Lyu, P., Qiu, L., **Zhao, M.M.**, Liu, Q., Cheng, Z., Zou, J., Yao, P., Gao, C., Wei, J., Ung, C., Wang, S., Zhong, Z., & Wang, Y. (2019). Naturally occurring anti-cancer compounds: shining from Chinese herbal medicine. *Chinese medicine*, 14, 48. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13020-019-0270-9>
- Liu, G., Tang, G., Liang, W., Wang, Z., Xu, W., Fan, G., Wang, Y., & **Zhao, M. M.** (2021). PK-PD Correlation of Erigeron Breviscapus Injection in the Treatment of Cerebral Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury Model Rats. *Journal of molecular neuroscience : MN*, 71(2), 302–324. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12031-020-01651-3>

## BOOK CHAPTER

- **Zhao, M.M.**, Xiong, S.H., Zhao, G.D., Yu, H. (2021). Organosulfur Compounds in Food. In: Xiao, J., Sarker, S.D., Asakawa, Y. (eds) *Handbook of Dietary Phytochemicals*. Springer, Singapore. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-15-4148-3\\_41](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-15-4148-3_41)

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE REPORT

- **Zhao, M.M;** Xiao, L.X; Linghu, K. G; et.al. (2022). *Bioactive Equivalent Combinatorial Components for quality consistency assessment for multi-originated Chinese herbal medicine Bupleuri Radix*. Presented at the meeting of 4th SINO-CPLP Symposium on natural medicine and Biodiversity Resources. Macao, China. [Conference Oral Presentation]
- **Zhao, M.M;** Xiao, L.X; Zhao, G. D et.al.(2022). *Comprehensive comparison on the anti-inflammation and GC-MS-based metabolomics discrimination between Bupleuri. chinense DC. and B. scorzonerifolium Willd* . Presented at the meeting of 6th International Symposium on Phytochemicals in Medicine and Food (6-ISPMF), Hangzhou, China. [Conference Oral Presentation]
- **Zhao, M.M;** Linghu, K. G; Xiao, L.X; et.al. (2020). *Structural characterization and discrimination of three yellow camellia species with UPLC-QTOF-MS/MS based metabolomics and their anti-inflammatory /anti-oxidant activity on RAW264.7 cells*. Presented at meeting of 4th International Symposium on Phytochemicals in Medicine and Food (4-ISPMF), Xian, China. [Conference Poster]
- **Zhao, M.M**, Luo Hua, Chen Z.J., et.al. (2019 ) *An innovative solid-liquid capsules of sea buckthorn*. Poster session presented at the meeting of Traditional Medicine International Development Forum (Euro-Africa), Lisbon, Portugal. [Conference Poster]

## UNDER REVIEW (JOURNAL)

- **Zhao, M.M;** Xiao, L.X; Linghu, K. G; Zhao, G. D., Chen, Q.L; Shen, L.Y; Dar, P; Chen, M.W; Hu, Y; Zhang, J.M; & Wang, Y; & Yu, H. (2025). Anti-inflammatory and anti-pyretic effects guided bioactive equivalent combinational compounds discovered in Screening of *B. chinense* DC. and *B. scorzonerifolium* Willd. (submitted)