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Research/Education Experience

2018-Now, Professor. Division of Biotechnology, Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics, CAS, China

2017-2018, Assoc. Professor. Division of Biotechnology, Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics, CAS, China

2014-2016, Co-founder and Chief Scientist, Biopetrolia AB

2012-2016, Postdoc Fellow, Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden.

2008-2012, PhD, Division of Biotechnology, Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics, CAS, China

2006-2008, MS, Biochemical Engineering, Tianjin University, China.

2002-2006, BS, Food Science and Technology, Jiangnan University, China.

Awards and Honors

- 2019 The Best Potential Youth Scholar
- 2019 Excellent Young Scholars from NSFC
- 2018 “Lun Shiyi” Distinguished Young Scientists
- 2018 National Talent Program for Young Scientists
- 2017 Talent Program of Chinese Academy of Sciences
- 2017 Young Scholar Award in the Biochemical Engineering of China
- 2017 Young Scholar Award in the Chemical Engineering from NSFC
- 2016 Young Scholar Award of International Metabolic Science Conference
- 2015 The first prize of Chinese Pharmaceutical Association
- 2013 Outstanding Youth Scholar of Chinese Industrial Biotechnology
- 2012 Outstanding Graduates of Chinese Academy of Sciences
- 2011 DICP-Corning Student Award
- 2011 Excellent Tri-A Student Scholarship
- 2010 Excellent Student Cadre Scholarship
- 2008 Yihai Kerry Scholarship
- 2006 Outstanding Graduate Student of Jiangnan University
- 2003/2005 National Scholarship
- 2003/2005 Excellent Tri-A Student Scholarship, Jiangnan University
- 2004 First Class Prize in China Undergraduate Contest in Mathematical Modeling
- 2004/2005 The major Award of Jiangnan University

Publication (#equal contribution, *Corresponding author)**2017-2020**

1. Chen R., Yang S., Zhang L., **Zhou Y.J.***, Advanced strategies for production of natural products in yeast. *iScience*, 2020, 23, 100879.
2. Cao X., Yang S., Cao C., **Zhou Y.J.***, Harnessing sub-organelle metabolism for biosynthesis of isoprenoids in yeast, *Synth. Syst. Biotechnol.*, 2020, 5, 187-199
3. Yang S., Cao X., Yu W., Li S., **Zhou Y.J.***, Efficient targeted mutation of genomic essential genes in yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. *Appl. Microbiol. Biotechnol.*, 2020, 104, 3037-3047
4. Jiang Y., Li Z., Zheng S., Xu H., **Zhou Y.J.**, Gao Z., Meng C.*, Li S.*, Establishing an enzyme cascade for one-pot production of α -olefins from low-cost triglycerides and oils without exogenous H₂O₂ addition, *Biotechnol. Biofuels*, 2020, 13, 52
5. Hu T., Zhou J., Yong Y., Su P., Li X., Liu Y., Liu N., Wu X., Zhang Y., Wang J., Gao L., Tu L., Lu Y., Jiang Z., **Zhou Y.J.**, Gao W., Huang L., Engineering chimeric diterpene synthases and isoprenoid biosynthetic pathways enables high-level production of miltiradiene in yeast, *Metab Eng.*, 2020, 60, 87-96
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7. Duan X.P., Ma X.J., Li S.Y., **Zhou Y.J.***, Free fatty acids promote transformation efficiency of yeast. *FEMS Yeast Res.*, 2019, 19, foz069.
8. Yu W., Gao J., **Zhou Y. J.***, Application of proteomics and metabolomics in microbial metabolic engineering (In Chinese). *Chin. J. Chromatogr.*, 2019, 37, 798-805
9. Cai P., Gao J., **Zhou Y. J.***, CRISPR-mediated genome editing in non-conventional yeasts for biotechnological applications. *Microb. Cell Fact.*, 2019, 18, 63.
10. Jiang Y., Li Z., Wang C., **Zhou Y. J.**, Xu H.*, Li S., Biochemical characterization of three new α -olefin-producing P450 fatty acid decarboxylases with a halophilic property. *Biotechnol. Biofuels*, 2019, 12, 79
11. Gao J., **Zhou Y. J.***, Repurposing peroxisomes for microbial synthesis for biomolecules. *Methods Enzymol.*, 2019, 617, 83-111.
12. **Zhou Y. J.***, Expanding the terpenoid kingdom. *Nat. Chem. Biol.*, 2018, 14, 1069-1070.
13. Yu T.#, **Zhou Y. J.#**, Huang M. T., Liu Q. L., Pereira R., David F., Nielsen J.*, Reprogramming yeast metabolism from alcoholic fermentation to lipogenesis. *Cell*. 2018, 2018, 174(6), 1549-1558.
14. **Zhou Y. J.**, Kerkhoven E., Nielsen J.*, Barriers and opportunities in bio-based production of hydrocarbons. *Nat. Energy*, 2018, 3, 925-935.
15. Gao J., Duan X., **Zhou Y. J.***, Production of fatty acids and their derivatives by yeast cell factories (In Chinese). *Chin. J. Bioproc. Eng.* 2018, 16(1), 19-30.
16. **Zhou Y. J.***, Hu Y., Zhu Z., Siewers V., Nielsen J.*, Engineering 1-alkene biosynthesis and secretion by dynamic regulation in yeast. *ACS Syn. Biol.*, 2018, 7(2), 584-590.
17. Duan X., Gao J, **Zhou Y. J.***, Advances in engineering methylotrophic yeast for biosynthesis of valuable chemicals from methanol. *Chin. Chem. Lett.* 2018, 29, 681-686.
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Conference Oral Presentations

1. Engineering Recombination Machinery for Precise Genome Editing in Methylophilic Yeasts, Asian Synthetic Biology Association 2019 (ASBA 2019), October 26-30, 2019, Chengdu, China
2. Methanol biotransformation for manufacturing fatty acid derivatives, The International Conference on Green Biomanufacturing (ICGB2019), October 22-24, 2019, Beijing China.
3. Precise Genome editing in Methylophilic Yeast by Enhancing Homologous Recombination, 27th International Conference on Yeast Genetics and Molecular Biology. August 18-22, 2019, Gothenburg, Sweden
4. Synthetic cell factories for over-production of fatty acids, Advanced Biosynthesis and Biorefinery Workshop, March 15-16, 2019, Xi'an, China
5. Engineering yeast cell factories for over-production of fatty acids, The 1st International Conference on Advanced Biomanufacturing (ICAB2019), January 12-14, 2019, Nanjing, China
6. Peroxisome engineering – a feasible approach for bio-manufacturing, Advancing Synthetic Biology Mini-Symposium, April 18-19, 2018, Beijing, China
7. Engineering yeast fatty acid metabolism for production of hydrocarbons, Chinese-Swedish Bilateral Synthetic Biology Workshop, April 10-12, 2018, Qingdao, China
8. Harnessing yeast peroxisomes for production of fatty acid-derived chemicals and biofuels (Key note and Chair), 7th International Forum on Bioprocessing. May 21-24, 2017, Wuxi, China
9. Engineering biosynthesis and secretion of 1-alkenes in yeast, 9th Sino-US Joint Conference of Chemical Engineering. October 15-19, 2017, Beijing, China
10. Production of oleo-chemicals and advanced biofuels in yeast. 27th International Conference on Yeast Genetics and Molecular Biology. September 6-12, 2015, Levico Terme, Trentino, Italy
11. Systematic rewiring of lipid metabolism for production of oleo-chemicals and advanced biofuels in yeast. EMBL symposia 2015-Enabling Technologies for Eukaryotic Synthetic Biology. June 21-23, 2015, Heidelberg, Germany.
12. Synthetic biology for microbial production of terpenoids Xiangshan Science conference. November 10-12, 2014, Beijing, China
13. Construction of *E. coli* NAD⁺ auxotrophic strains and the biotechnological application thereof, 1st Asian Congress on Biotechnology. May 11-15, 2011, Shanghai

Editorial Board member

2019- FEMS Yeast Research, Editorial Board

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2019- Synthetic Biology Journal, Editorial Board

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Scientific Journal Reviewer

Nature Biotechnology, Nature Chemical Biology, Nature Communications, PNAS, JACS, Nucleic Acids Research, Biotechnology Advances, Current Opinion in Biotechnology, Metabolic Engineering, Metabolic Engineering Communications, ACS Synthetic Biology, Biotechnology and Bioengineering, Biochemical Society Transactions, Biotechnology for Biofuels, Biotechnology Journal, Biotechnology Progress, Microbial Cell Factories, BMC Genomics, Fungal Genetics and Biology, Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology, FEMS Yeast Research, FEMS Microbiology Letters, Journal of Proteomics, Biotechnology and Applied Biochemistry, Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry, International Journal of Biological Macromolecules, Journal of Chemical Technology & Biotechnology, Biotechnology Letters, Science China Chemistry, Photochemistry, Physiologia Plantarum, Scientific Reports, Heliyon, The Chinese Journal of Process Engineering, Chinese Journal of Bioprocess Engineering