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## EDUCATION AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Ph.D. in Food Science and Technology, Jiangnan University** 06/2022  
Structure-based study of enzymatic specificity and cold adaptation.
- Joint-training Ph.D. in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Rice University** 06/2020  
Development of single base editing tools with precise accuracy.  
Development of ultra-sensitive CRISPR-based detection methods for food pathogens.  
Biosynthesis of quinolactacin.
- M.S. in Food Science and Technology, Jiangnan University** 06/2016  
Heterologous expression and biochemical characterization of glucoside hydrolases.
- B.S. in Food Science and Technology, Jiangnan University** 06/2014  
Physicochemical characterization of starch.
- Exchange student in the Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine, Rutgers University** 08/2012  
Proteomics and functional genomics.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Ding N**, Zhao B, Han X, Li C, Gu Z, Li Z. Starch-binding domain modulates the specificity of maltopentaose production at moderate temperature. *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*, 2022, 70(29): 9057-9065. doi:10.1021/acs.jafc.2c03031 (IF: 5.895)
- Han X<sup>1</sup>, **Ding N**<sup>1</sup>, Ban X, Gu Z, Cheng L, Hong Y, Li C, Li Z. Fusion of maltooligosaccharide-forming amylases from two origins for the improvement of maltopentaose synthesis. *Food Research International*, 2021, 150: 110735. doi:10.1016/j.foodres.2021.110735 (IF: 7.425)
- Ding N**, Zhao B, Ban X, Li C, Prasad BV, Gu Z, Li Z. Carbohydrate-binding module and linker allow cold adaptation and salt tolerance of maltopentaose-forming amylase from marine bacterium *Saccharophagus degradans* 2-40<sup>T</sup>. *Frontiers in Microbiology*, 2021, 12: 708480. doi:10.3389/fmicb.2021.708480 (IF: 6.064)
- Ding N**<sup>1</sup>, Lee S<sup>1</sup>, Lieber-Kotz M, Yang J, Gao X. Advances in genome editing for genetic hearing loss. *Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews*, 2021, 168: 118-133. doi:10.1016/j.addr.2020.05.001 (IF: 17.873)
- Lee S<sup>1</sup>, **Ding N**<sup>1</sup>, Sun Y, Yuan T, Li J, Yuan Q, Liu L, Yang J, Wang Q, Kolomeisky AB, Hilton IB, Zuo E, Gao X. Single C-to-T substitution using engineered APOBEC3G-nCas9 base editors with minimum genome- and transcriptome-wide off-target effects. *Science Advances*, 2020, 6(29): eaba1773. doi:10.1126/sciadv.aba1773 (IF: 14.957)
- Pan S<sup>1</sup>, **Ding N**<sup>1</sup>, Ren J, Gu Z, Li C, Hong Y, Cheng L, Tod PH, Li Z. Maltooligosaccharide-forming amylase: Characteristics, preparation, and application. *Biotechnology Advances*, 2017, 35(5): 619-632. doi:10.1016/j.biotechadv.2017.04.004 (IF: 17.681)
- Zhao F, Liu Z, Yang S, **Ding N**, Gao X. Quinolactacin biosynthesis involves NRPSs catalyzed dieckmann condensation to form the quinolone- $\gamma$ -lactam hybrid. *Angewandte Chemie International Edition*, 2020, 59(43): 19108-19114. doi:10.1002/anie.202005770 (IF: 16.823)
- Yao Y, An C, Evans D, Liu W, Wang W, Wei G, **Ding N**, Houk KN, Gao S. Catalase involved in oxidative cyclization of the tetracyclic ergoline of fungal ergot alkaloids. *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, 2019, 141(44): 17157-17521. doi:10.1021/jacs.9b10217 (IF: 16.383)
- Pan S, Gu Z, **Ding N**, Zhang Z, Chen D, Li C, Hong Y, Cheng L, Li Z. Calcium and sodium ions synergistically enhance the thermostability of a maltooligosaccharide-forming amylase from *Bacillus stearothermophilus* STB04. *Food Chemistry*, 2019, 283: 170-176. doi:10.1016/j.foodchem.2019.01.023 (IF: 9.231)

## PATENTS

Gao X, Lee S, **Ding N**. “Single base editing tools with precise accuracy.” (published).

Li Z, Gu Z, **Ding N**. “A genetically engineered bacteria producing maltooligosaccharide-forming amylase and its application” (licensed).

## CONFERENCES

Poster presentation: **Ding N**, Pan S, Gu Z, Li C, Li Z. Effects of CBM20 binding on the catalysis of maltooligosaccharide-forming amylases. *International Biotechnology Symposium & Exhibition*. **10/2016**  
Melbourne, Australia.

Poster presentation: **Ding N**, Pan S, Gu Z, Li C, Li Z. Effects of substrate structure on the enzymatic production of maltooligosaccharides. *International Symposium in Food and Health*. Shanghai, China. **05/2016**