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EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE

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Professor, College of Plant Sciences and Technology, Huazhong Agricultural University, Wuhan, China

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Associated researcher, Department of Plant Pathology and Environmental Microbiology, Pennsylvania State University, USA

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Ph. D., Plant Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Huazhong Agricultural University, P. R. China.

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B.Sc., Biotechnology, Huazhong Agricultural University, P. R. China.

RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS

1. 01/2017-12/2019. National Transgenic Science and Technology Program (2018ZX08010-05B). RMB ¥2,200,000.
2. 01/2017-12/2019. National Natural Science Foundation of China (31622047). RMB ¥1,300,000.
3. 01/2016-12/2019. National Natural Science Foundation of China (31571374). RMB ¥700,000.
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5. 03/2015-03/2020. Startup funding from Huazhong Agricultural University. RMB ¥1,500,000.
6. 01/2017-12/2022. Startup funding from National Key Laboratory of Crop Genetic Improvement. RMB ¥500,000.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I dedicate myself to improving rice production with cutting-edge genetic and molecular tools. I am interested in elucidating the genetic basis of crop adaptation to environmental challenges like pathogen invasion and drought stress, and also interested

in developing rice cultivars with enhanced tolerance to biotic and abiotic stresses by genetic engineering. Using rice as a model organism, I am trying to dissect how plants use protein kinases to transmit environmental threats to proper cellular response to survival. My current study focuses on functional analysis of several pivotal protein kinase families, including CDPK and MAPK. Precise manipulating the activity of these protein kinases to reprogram stress signaling pathways may provide new approaches to increase crop production under abiotic/biotic stressed environments.

I am also developing and utilizing CRISPR/Cas9-mediated genome editing tools for crop genetic improvement. As the most promising method in genome manipulation, the CRISPR/Cas9 system provides a high-efficient approach to manipulate genomic sequences. I am creating novel CRISPR/Cas9 toolkits with high capability for crop genome engineering like genome editing, epigenome editing, chromosomal fragment deletion and transcriptional regulation. In addition to creating CRISPR/Cas9 toolkits for variable applications, my future work will also focus on creating more sophisticated CRISPR/Cas9 platform for high-throughput genetic manipulation in plants and developing new disease resistant cultivars by manipulating crop genomes using these CRISPR/Cas9 tools.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journals:

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3. Dan Ding, Kaiyuan Chen, Yuedan Chen, Hong Li, and **Kabin Xie** (#), Engineering introns to express RNA guides for Cas9- and Cpf1-mediated multiplex genome editing. **Mol Plant**. 2018, 11(4):542-552.
4. Yang Yang, Kaiyu Zhu, Huailin Li, Shaoqing Han, Qingwei Meng, Shahid Ullah Khan, Chuchuan Fan, **Kabin Xie**, Yongming Zhou. Precise editing of *CLAVATA*

- genes in *Brassica napus* L. regulates multilocular silique development. *Plant Biotech J.* 2018, 16(7):1322-1335. DOI: 10.1111/pbi.12872.
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 9. Yudian Ding, Hong Li, Ling-Ling Chen (#) and **Kabin Xie** (#). Recent advances in genome editing using CRISPR/Cas9. *Front. Plant Sci.* 2016, 7:703.
 10. **Kabin Xie**, Bastian Minkenberg and Yinong Yang. 2015. Boosting CRISPR/Cas9 multiplex editing capability with the endogenous tRNA-processing system. *PNAS*. 112(11): 3570-3575.
 11. **Kabin Xie**, Jianping Chen, Qin Wang, Yinong Yang. 2014. Direct phosphorylation and activation of a mitogen-activated protein kinase by a calcium-dependent protein kinase. *Plant Cell*. 26(7): 3077-3089.
 12. **Kabin Xie**, Jianwei Zhang and Yinong Yang. 2014. Genome-wide prediction of highly specific guide RNA spacers for the CRISPR-Cas9-mediated genome editing in model plants and major crops. *Mol Plant*. 7(5): 923-926.
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Patent

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- system development and fertility and use thereof. (US20120102598 A1)
2. Yinong Yang and **Kabin Xie**. Molecular method to precisely edit plant genome for non-transgenic genetic engineering. (Provisional patent application serial No. 61/828, 737)
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CONFERENCE TALKS (recent five years)

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2. A CRISPR/Cas9 Toolbox Based on the Endogenous tRNA Processing. 18-21 August, 2017, The 5th International Conference on Biotic Plant Interactions. Xiamen, Fujian, China.
3. Plant Genome Editing with CRISPR-Cas9, 5-9 August, 2016, Annual Meeting of Chinese Society for Plant Pathology, Nanjing, Jiangshu, China.
4. The CDPK-MAPK Signaling Pathway. 21-24 September, 2015, The 13th International Symposium on Rice Functional Genomics, Wuhan, Invited talk

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