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Education:

- 2002-2007 PhD, Organic Chemistry, Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China
1998-2002 BS, Chemistry, East China Normal University, China

Positions Held

- 2020- Professor, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, School of Life Sciences and Biotechnology/ Zhangjiang Institute for Advanced Studies.
2012-2020 Professor, Wuhan University, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences.
2011-2011 Associate Professor, Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences.
2008-2010 Assistant Professor, Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences.
2007-2008 Postdoc, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Chemistry.

Honors

- 2023 National Technical Standards Innovation Base (Dairy Industry) Jin Li Innovation Project Award (2023, 3rd)
2022 Shanghai Academic Research Leader
2014 National Science Foundation for Excellent Young Scholars
2013 New Century Excellent Talents in University, Chinese Ministry of Education
2012 Luojia Professorship of Wuhan University

Panels and Committees

- 2024-2027 Member, Chinese Botanical Society, Phytochemistry and Resource Committee,
2023-2027 Editorial Board Member of Journal of Biological Engineering
2023-2026 Member, Shanghai Zhangjiang Science and Technology Venture Investment Co.Ltd, the Advisory Committee of Experts on Investment Decisions
2022-2024 Editorial Board Member of Journal of Zhejiang University-Science B
2021-2026 Member, Enzyme Engineering Committee of Chinese Society for Microbiology
2020-2025 Editorial Board Member of Bioresources and Bioprocessing
2020-2025 Editorial Board Member of Green Synthesis & Catalysis
2019-2027 Member, Protein Engineering and Fermentation Engineering Committee of China Medicinal Biotech Association
2018-2023 Member, Enzyme Engineering Committee of Hubei Proventional Society for Microbiology
2016-2020 Member, Industrial and Environmental Biotechnology Committee of Chinese Society of Biotechnology
2017-2020 Member, Youth Scholar Standing Committee, Biochemical Engineering Society of China
2016-2020 Member, Youth Scholar Committee, Chinese Society of Biotechnology
2014-present Associate Member of F1000

Research Fundings

2023-2025	PI, Enterprise Development Project/Steroid Biotransformation Technology
2023-2025	PI, Outstanding Youth Team Cultivation Program in Central Universities
2023-2026	PI, Shanghai Municipal Natural Science Foundation
2023-2026	PI, National Natural Science Foundation of China
2022-2025	PI, Shanghai Academic Research Leader Plan
2020-2023	PI, National Natural Science Foundation of China
2020-2023	PI, Enterprise Development Project/Steroid Biotransformation Technology
2019-2024	Co-PI, National Key R&D Project
2018-2021	PI, National Key R&D Project
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Patents:

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- Xudong Qu, Mengmeng Zheng. A steroidal C14 α hydroxylase, expression vector and engineering bacteria and its application, Chinese Patent ZL 202111529838.6.
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- Xudong Qu, Qianghui Zhou, Yannan Zhang, Junlin Wang; A biotransformation method for the hydroxylation of a series of steroids at position 19, Chinese Patent ZL201910152033.0.
- Qianghui Zhou, Xudong Qu, Junlin Wang, Yannan Zhang; Preparation method of 19 hydroxylated cortodosterone derivatives and 19-hydroxyandrostenedione, Chinese Patent ZL201910517841.2.
- Xudong Qu, Chenghai Sun, Wenya Tian, A C3-aromatic pyrroloindole alkaloid and its synthesis method, Chinese Patent ZL201810971942.2.
- Xudong Qu, Lu Zhu, Hongmin Ma, Zixin Deng, An alcohol dehydrogenase mutant with improved thermal stability, Chinese Patent ZL201710378065.3.
- Xudong Qu, Jinmei Zhu, Application of imine reductase and its mutants in the synthesis of (S)-1-aryl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, Chinese Patent ZL201710791728.4.
- Chang Chenchen, Huang Rong, Deng Zixin, Qu Xudong, A biosynthetic method of introducing side chains of amino acid origin to polyketide backbone and related genes, Chinese Patent ZL201510086158.X.

Publications

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- Zhi Lin*, Zhiwei Hu, Linjun Zhou, Benben Liu, Zixin Deng, Xudong Qu*. A large conserved family of small molecule carboxyl methyltransferases identified from Microorganisms.

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- Jinmei Zhu, Lu Yang, Jiequn Wu, Zixin Deng, Xudong Qu*. Engineering imine reductase for efficient biosynthesis of 1-aryl-tetrahydro- β -carboline and their N-methylation products. ***ACS Catalysis*** 2022, 12, 9823-9830.
- Mengmeng Zheng, Jun Zhang, Wan Zhang, Lu Yang, Xiaoli Yan, Wenya Tian, Zhihao Liu, Zhi Lin, Zixin Deng, Xudong Qu*. An atypical acyl-CoA synthetase enables efficient biosynthesis of extender units for engineering a polyketide carbon scaffold ***Angewandte Chemie International Edition*** 2022, 61, e202208734.
- Xiaoli Yan, Jun Zhang, Hongqun Tan, Zhihao Liu, Kai Jiang, Wenya Tian, Mengmeng Zheng, Zhi Lin, Zixin Deng, Xudong Qu*. A Pair of atypical KAS III homologues with initiation and elongation functions programs the polyketide biosynthesis in asukamycin. ***Angewandte Chemie International Edition*** 2022, 61, e202200879.
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- Chenghai Sun, Wenya Tian, Zhi Lin*, Xudong Qu*. Biosynthesis of pyrroloindoline-containing natural products. **Natural Product Reports** 2022, 39, 1721-1765.
- Zhi Lin, Xudong Qu*. Emerging diversity in polyketide synthase. **Tetrahedron Letters** 2022, 110, 154183.
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