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Research Summary

Yi Xiao's research interests focus on developing biotechnology tools for basic research and applied research. We design and construct genetically-encoded biosensors and CRISPR-associated tools. Using these tools, we modify cell genomes and reprogram cell behaviors to explore metabolism and enhance biosynthesis.

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Education

Ph.D. (Microbiology) Wuhan Institute of Virology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China, 2008

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