

# Jackson Champer

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## SIGNIFICANT ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Assistant Professor**, Peking University 2021.5-Present

- School of Life Sciences, Center for Bioinformatics, Center for Life Sciences.
- Experimental gene drive research with flies, mosquitoes, and others.
- Computational modeling of gene drives.
- Visiting Professor at Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University.

**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Cornell University 2016.5-2021.3

- Labs of Philipp Messer and Andrew Clark in the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics and the Department of Computational Biology.
- Improved gene drive systems, designs and experiments.
- Computational modeling and genetic analysis of gene drives in realistic environments.

**Graduate Researcher**, City of Hope Beckman Research Institute 2010.9-2015.6

- Lab of Markus Kalkum in the Department of Immunology.
- Mass spectrometry and proteomics for antifungal vaccine development.
- Rotation on the immunological and proteomic analysis of breast cancer extracellular matrix with S. Emily Wang.

**Researcher**, University of California, Los Angeles 2008.6-2009.7, 2013.8-2014.9

- Lab of Jenny Kim in the Department of Dermatology.
- Immunological and proteomic analysis of *Propionibacterium acnes* phylotypes.
- Analysis of antimicrobial treatments for acne and *Staphylococcus aureus* infection.

**Graduate Researcher**, University of California, Los Angeles 2004.6-2004.9

- Lab of David Cline in the Department of Physics and Astronomy.
- Simulations, design, and construction of a dark matter detector.

**Undergraduate Researcher**, University of Oregon 2003.8-2004.6

- Lab of Russell Donnelly in the Department of Physics.
- Propagation of vortex rings in fluid and diffusion of a marker dye.

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Biology, City of Hope Beckman Research Institute 2015.6

M.S. in Physics, University of California, Los Angeles 2006.12

B.S. in Physics and Mathematics, University of Oregon 2004.6

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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*Italics* indicate mentored lab member for the project

### **Preprints**

62. *Xu X\**, *Fang J*, *Chen J*, *Yang J*, *Yang X*, *Hou S*, *Sun W*, **Champer J\***. Assessing target genes for homing suppression gene drive. *bioRxiv*, December 2024.

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### **Publications**

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56. *Champer SE\**, *Chae B*, *Haller BC*, **Champer J**, *Messer PW\**. Resource-explicit interactions in spatial population models. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 2024.

55. *Wang GH\**, *Hoffman A\**, **Champer J\***. Gene drive and symbiont technologies for control of mosquito-borne diseases. *Annual Review of Entomology*, 2024.

54. *Feng R*, **Champer J\***. Deployment of tethered gene drive for confined suppression in continuous space requires avoiding drive wave interference. *Molecular Ecology*, 2024.

53. *Chen W*, *Guo J*, *Liu Y*, **Champer J\***. Population suppression by release of insects carrying a dominant sterile homing gene drive targeting *doublesex* in *Drosophila*. *Nature Communications*, 2024.

52. *Zhu J#*, *Chen J#*, *Liu Y#*, *Xu X*, **Champer J\***. A Population suppression with dominant female-lethal alleles is boosted by homing gene drive. *BMC Biology*, 2024.

51. **Champer J\***, Schlenoff D\*. Battles between ants (Hymenoptera: Formicidae): a review. *Journal of Insect Science*, 2024.
50. Zhang S, **Champer J\***. Performance characteristics allow for confinement of a CRISPR toxin-antidote gene drive for population suppression in a reaction-diffusion model. *Proceedings: Biological Sciences*, 2024.
49. Liu Y, Jiao B, **Champer J**, Qian W\*. Overriding Mendelian inheritance in *Arabidopsis* with a CRISPR toxin-antidote gene drive that impairs pollen germination. *Nature Plants*, 2024.
48. Du J\*, Chen W, Jia X, Xu X, Yang E, Zhou R, Zhang Y, Metzloff M, Messer PW, **Champer J\***. Germline Cas9 promoters with improved performance for homing gene drive. *Nature Communications*, 2024.
47. Hou S#, Chen J#, Feng R, Xu X, Liang N, **Champer J\***. A homing rescue gene drive with multiplexed gRNAs reaches high frequency in cage populations but generates functional resistance. *Journal of Genetics and Genomics*, 2024.
46. Ma S#, Ni X#, Chen S, Qiao X, Xu X, Chen W, **Champer J**, Huang J\*. A small-molecule approach to restore female sterility phenotype targeted by a homing suppression gene drive in the fruit pest *Drosophila suzukii*. *PLoS Genetics*, 2024.
45. Yang J, Xu X, Wu J, **Champer J**, Xie M\*. Involvement of miR-8510a-3p in response to Cry1Ac protoxin by regulating *PxABCG3* in *Plutella xylostella*. *International Journal of Biological Macromolecules*, 2024.
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43. Pan M, **Champer J\***. Making waves: Comparative analysis of gene drive spread characteristics in a continuous space model. *Molecular Ecology*, 2023.
42. Liu Y, Teo W, Yang H, **Champer J\***. Adversarial interspecies relationships facilitate population suppression by gene drive in spatially explicit models. *Ecology Letters*, 2023.
41. Zhu Y, **Champer J\***. Simulations reveal high efficiency and confinement of a population suppression CRISPR toxin-antidote gene drive. *ACS Synthetic Biology*, 2023.
40. Chen J, Xu X, **Champer J\***. Assessment of distant-site rescue elements for CRISPR toxin-antidote gene drives. *Front Bioeng Biotechnol*, 2023.
39. Li J, **Champer J\***. Harnessing *Wolbachia* cytoplasmic incompatibility alleles for confined gene drive: a modeling study. *PLoS Genetics*, 2023.

38. *Champer SE<sup>#</sup>, Kim IK<sup>#</sup>, Clark AG, Messer PW, Champer J\**. *Anopheles* homing suppression drive candidates exhibit unexpected performance differences in simulations with spatial structure. *eLife*, 2022.
37. *Langmüller AM<sup>#</sup>, Champer J<sup>#\*</sup>, Lapinska S, Xie L, Metzloff M, Champer SE, Liu J, Xu Y, Du J, Clark AG, Messer PW\**. Fitness effects of CRISPR endonucleases in *Drosophila melanogaster* populations. *eLife*, 2022.
36. *Metzloff M, Wang E, Dhole, S, Clark AG, Messer PW, Champer J\**. Experimental demonstration of tethered gene drive systems for confined population modification or suppression. *BMC Biology*, 2022.
35. *Liu Y, Champer J\**. Modeling homing suppression gene drive in haplodiploid organisms. *Proceedings: Biological Sciences*, 2022.
34. *Yang E, Metzloff M, Langmüller AM, Xu X, Clark AG, Messer PW, Champer J\**. A homing suppression gene drive with multiplexed gRNAs maintains high drive conversion efficiency and avoids functional resistance alleles. *G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics*, 2022.
33. *Wang GH\*, Du J, Chu CY, Madhav M, Hughes GL, Champer J\**. Symbionts and gene drive: two strategies to combat vector-borne disease. *Trends in Genetics*, 2022.
32. *Champer SE, Oakes N, Sharma R, Garcia-Diaz P, Champer J, Messer PW\**. Modeling CRISPR gene drives for suppression of invasive rodents. *PLoS Comput Biol*, 17(12), e1009660 2021.
31. *Ferreira-Martins D<sup>#\*</sup>, Champer J<sup>#\*</sup>, McCauley DW, Zhang Z, Docker MF*. Genetic control of invasive sea lamprey in the Great Lakes. *J Great Lakes Res*, 47(S1), S764-S775, 2021.
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29. *Long KC, Alphey L, Annas GJ, Bloss CS, Campbell KJ, Champer J, et al*. Core commitments for field trials of gene drive organisms. *Science*, 370(6523), 1417-1419, 2020.
28. *Champer J<sup>#\*</sup>, Champer SE<sup>#</sup>, Kim IK, Clark AG, Messer PW*. Design and analysis of CRISPR-based underdominance toxin-antidote gene drives. *Evol Appl*, 14(4), 1052-1069, 2020.
27. *Champer J<sup>#\*</sup>, Yang E<sup>#</sup>, Lee E, Liu J, Clark AG, Messer PW\**. A CRISPR homing gene drive targeting a haplolethal gene removes resistance alleles and successfully spreads through a cage population. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*, 117(39), 24377-24383, 2020.
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## Book Chapters

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2. **Champer J**. Gene Drives for *Anopheles* Mosquitoes. Published in: “Mosquito Gene Drives and the Malaria Eradication Agenda.” *Jenny Stanford Publishing*, 2023.
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## Patents

2. *Yu Y, Champer J, Kim J*. Compositions and Methods for Treating Skin and Mucus Membrane Diseases. US 20170065647. Published November 2015.
1. *Taylor E, Champer J, Kim J*. Treatment of inflammatory and infectious skin disorders. US 20140018437 A1. Published January 2014.

## RESEARCH SUPPORT

NSFC RFIS II	Champer	2024.10 - 2026.9
Beijing City Project	Champer	2024.7 - 2026.6
Beijing Foreign Talents Program	Champer	2023.11 - 2024.10
Li Ge Zhao Ning Life Science Research Fund	Champer	2023.3 - 2025.2
NSFC General Project	Champer	2022.11 - 2026.10
NSFC Overseas Youth Program	Champer	2022.9 - 2025.8
SLS-Qidong Innovation Fund	Champer	2021.10 - 2023.9
Peking University Initial Funding School of Life Sciences and Center for Life Sciences laboratory startup funding	Champer	2021.5 - 2026.5
NIH/NIAID K22AI146276 Engineering and modeling improved CRISPR gene drive systems *award only available for new faculty at domestic institutions	Champer	award declined*
NIH/NIAID F32AI138476	Champer	2018.4 - 2021.3





**Peking University Undergraduates and Volunteers:** Haochen Yang, Jialing Fang, Mingzuyu Pan, Peixin Wu, Shijie Zhang, Siyan Wu, Theodore Jeliaskov, WeiJian Teo, Xiaohan Xie, Yutong Zhu, Ziqian Xu, Ziyin Yao

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**Cornell University Undergraduates:** Anisha Luthra, Chen Liu, Emily Yang, Isabel Kim, Jingxian (Clara) Liu, Joan Chung, Joanna Zhao, Lin Xie, Matt Metzloff, Phoebe Conley, Riona Reeves, Sandra Lapinska, Suh Yeon (Sunny) Oh, Esther (formerly Yoo Lim) Lee, Zhaoxin (Cindy) Wen

**Cornell University Other Students:** Anna Langmuller (visiting graduate student), Nathan Oakes (graduate student for one project), Sam Champer (volunteer, brother), Yineng Xu (rotating graduate student)

**University of California, Riverside Students:** Jennifer Shyong, Kenneth Truong

**City of Hope Students:** Jason Yu, Mayyen Wong, Miriam Champer (sister), Molly Shannahoff

**University of California, Los Angeles Students:** Elaheh Salehi, Julie Patel, Nathalie Fernando, Sam Ngo, Victoria Wong, Yang Yu

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

### **Conference Sessions Organized**

International Congress of Entomology, 2024 (main session and satellite session)

International Conference on Insect Science, 2023

International Congress of Genetics, 2023 (main session and satellite session)

### **Conference Talks**

Zhongshan Academic Festival, 2024 (invited)

Entomological Society of China, 2024

Society for Mathematical Biology Conference, 2024 (invited)

Malaria Vector Control Technologies Conference, 2024 (invited)

Gene Drive Research Forum Meeting, 2024 (invited)

BRIN Mathematics of Malaria Transmission Dynamics, 2023 (invited)

International Conference on Insect Pest Management, 2023 (invited)

Entomological Society of China, 2021 (two talks, one invited)

Interdisciplinary Workshop on Synthetic Gene Drives, 2021 (invited)

Canadian Conference For Fisheries Research, 2021 (invited)

Entomological Society of America, Conference, 2019

Sea Lamprey International Symposium, 2019 (invited)

EMBO Vector Conference, 2019  
 Society for the Study of Evolution Annual Meeting, 2019 (invited)  
 Entomological Society of America, Joint Annual Meeting, 2018 (invited)  
 Genetics Society of America, *Drosophila* Research Conference, 2018  
 Cold Spring Harbor, Genome Engineering: The CRISPR-Cas Revolution, 2017

### **Invited Seminars**

Gannan Normal University (2024)  
 Seoul National University (2024)  
 Zhejiang University (2024)  
 Chongqing Normal University (2024)  
 Chinese Academy of Sciences Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology (2023)  
 Nanjing Agricultural University (2023)  
 Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University (2023)  
 France National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (2022)  
 Chinese Academy of Sciences Institute of Zoology (2021)

### **Seminars at High Schools**

High School Affiliated to Renmin University (2024)  
 Korea Science Academy of KAIST (2024)

### **Workshops**

Zhongshan School of Medicine - Building a New Ecology for Global Life and Health, 2024  
 Gene Drive Research Forum - Bridging gaps in Stakeholder Engagement, 2021  
 Target Malaria - Plausible Pathways to Potential Harm Workshop, 2021  
 FNIH - Data Needs and Assay Design for Decision Making on Gene Drive Mosquitoes, 2019  
 ILSI - Gene Drive Modeling Conference, 2019

**Journal Editor:** PLOS Genetics (2021-Present), BMC Biology (2022-Present)

**Journal Referee:** American Naturalist, Applied Biosciences, BioDesign Research, Bioscience, BMC Biology, Chromosome Research, Ecological Modelling, Ecological Psychology, eLife, European Journal of Dermatology, Ecological Psychology, Evolutionary Applications, Frontiers in Agronomy, Frontiers in Bioengineering and Biotechnology, Frontiers in Insect Science, Frontiers in Microbiology, G3, Genes, Genetics, Infection Genetics and Evolution, Insect Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Insect Science, International Journal of Biological Macromolecules, iScience, Journal of Applied Ecology, Journal of Evolutionary Biology, Journal of Functional Foods, Journal of Fungi, Journal of Great Lakes Research, Journal of Medical Entomology, Journal of Theoretical Biology, Malaria Journal, Mathematical Biosciences and Engineering, Molecular Ecology, NAR Genomics and Bioinformatics, Nature Communications, Nature Protocols, PeerJ, PLOS Genetics, PNAS, Proceedings of the Royal Society B, Research Ideas and Outcomes, Review Commons, Science Bulletin, Scientific Reports, STAR Protocols, Transgenic Research

### **Other Referee**

National Carp Control Plan for Australia “Synergistic genetic biocontrol options for common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*)”

United Nations Environment Programme: Frontiers, Emerging Issues of Environmental Concern, Synthetic Biology