Allosteric modulation and ligand binding kinetics at the Kv11.1 channel

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Curriculum Vitae

Zhiyi Yu was born on January 5th, 1986 in Hubei, China. After graduating from high school in 2004, he moved to Sichuan to study pharmacy in Western China School of Pharmacy at Sichuan University. In 2008 he received a bachelor degree, and then he continued a master study in the same university, majoring in medicinal chemistry. During this period he performed a series of studies on chemical synthesis and biological evaluation of antimicrobial compounds under the supervision of Prof. Taiping Hou.

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