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CURRICULUM VITAE

Xu Cao was born on 7th July, 1990 in Linyi, Shandong Province, China. Xu obtained his Bachelor degree in Biotechnology at Shandong University in 2012. During his bachelor study, he performed an internship in the group of Prof. Dong Li at Qilu Hospital of Shandong University, where he conducted his bachelor thesis entitled "Optimization of culture condition for hematopoietic stem cell isolated from rat bone marrow". From 2012 to 2015, Xu did his Master studies at the Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Science in Beijing, China, supervised by Prof. Baoyang Hu. During his master study, he worked on establishing a knock-in reporter human embryonic stem cell (hESC) line for two specific genes of dopaminergic neuron (DA) progenitor cells using CRISPR/Cas9, as well as studying the influence of the stiffness of extracellular matrix (ECM) and the density of ECM protein on neuronal differentiation from hESCs. After obtaining his master degree, he moved to Netherlands to pursue a doctorate degree in Leiden University Medical Center, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. C.L Mummery and Dr. V.V. Orlova. He was mainly work on the modeling of vascular diseases using human induced pluripotent stem cells (hiPSCs). The results of the research are shown in this thesis. After obtaining his PhD, he plans to carry out a postdoc in the US.

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