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-I engineer molecular probes and fluorescent sensors to address pathological mechanisms-

Education

2017 - 2023	Ph.D.	The University of Georgia	Cellular Biology
2015 - 2017	M.A.	The University of Tokyo	Pharmaceutical Sciences
2011 - 2015	B.S.	The University of Tokyo	Pharmaceutical Sciences

Thesis Research and Relevant Experience

Ph.D. Thesis The University of Georgia Advisor: Dr. Daichi Kamiyama

- Directed evolution of split fluorescent proteins for multiplexed imaging of endogenous proteins
- Spatial regulation of dendritic outgrowth mediated by Dscam1 in *Drosophila* aCC motor neuron

M.A. Thesis The University of Tokyo Advisor: Dr. Kazuo Yamamoto

- Repurposing the sulfated glycosaminoglycan-binding specificity of Cochlin for cancer diagnosis
- Pathology of autosomal-dominant late-onset hearing loss (DFNA9) mediated by Cochlin, a heparan sulfate and chondroitin sulfate binding protein

Publications

- **Tamura, R.** and Kamiyama, D. “Spatial regulation of dendritic outgrowth mediated by Dscam1 in *Drosophila* embryonic aCC motor neuron” (in preparation)
- **Tamura, R.** and Kamiyama, D. “CRISPR-Cas9-mediated knock-in approach to insert the GFP11 tag into the genome of a human cell line” *Methods in Molecular Biology* (2022)
- Murakami, K., **Tamura, R.**, Ikehara, S., Ota, H., Ichimiya, T., Matsumoto, N., Matsubara, H., Nishihara, S., Ikehara, Y., and Yamamoto, K. “Construction of mouse cochlin mutants with different GAG-binding specificities and their use for immunostaining” *Biochemical Journal* (2022)
- Honda, T., Kawasaki, N., Yanagihara, R., **Tamura, R.**, Murakami, K., Furusawa, Y., Ichimiya, T., Matsumoto, N., Nishihara, S., and Yamamoto, K. “Involvement of cochlin binding to N-sulfated heparan sulfate/heparin in the pathophysiology of autosomal dominant late-onset hearing loss (DFNA9)” *PLOS ONE* (2022)
- Kamiyama, R., Banzai, K., Liu, P., Marar, A., **Tamura, R.**, Jiang, F., Fitch, M, A., Xie, J., and Kamiyama, D. “Cell-type-specific, multi-color labeling of endogenous proteins with split fluorescent protein tags in *Drosophila*” *PNAS* (2021)
- **Tamura, R.**, Jiang, F., Xie, J., and Kamiyama, D. “Multiplexed labeling of cellular proteins with split fluorescent protein tags” *Communications Biology* (2021)

Relevant Skills

- **Molecular Biology:** Molecular cloning. Directed evolution of proteins via random mutagenesis. Protein purification (Affinity chromatography, size exclusion chromatography, ion exchange chromatography, etc). ELISA. Flow cytometry. Circular dichroism. CRISPR genome editing. Orbitrap LC-MS. Immunoprecipitation. Western blotting. Immunohistochemistry.
- **Cell Culture and Animal Experiments:** Transfection. Stable cell line generation. Experience in monoclonal antibody production. Familiarity in rearing, maintenance, and dissection of *Drosophila*, *Mus Musculus*, *C.elegans*. Single neuronal labeling by lipophilic dye injection.
- **Bioinformatics:** Experience in Linux, Python, R. (Earned IBM Data Science Certificate in Coursera). Bulk and single-cell RNA-seq analysis. Molecular modeling in UCSF Chimera.

Fellowships and Awards

- 2022 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, The University of Georgia
- 2017 - 2022 Nakajima Foundation Fellowship (funded my Ph.D.)
- 2017 BioCapture EU Training Network Program, The University of Copenhagen
- 2015 - 2016 Iwaware Foundation Fellowship (funded my M.A.)
- 2010 Tokyo Metropolitan Governor Prize

Presentations

Invited talks

- Tamura, R. and Kamiyama, D. “Spatial regulation of dendritic outgrowth mediated by inter-neuronal interaction” *Kanazawa University Graduate School of Medical Science*, Kanazawa, Japan. (2022)

Conferences

- Tamura, R. and Kamiyama, D. “Spatial regulation of dendritic outgrowth mediated by Dscam1 in *Drosophila* embryonic aCC motor neuron” Poster, *Southeast Regional Society for Developmental Biology*, Chapel Hill, NC. (2022)
- Tamura, R. and Kamiyama, D. “Multiplexed labeling of cellular proteins with split fluorescent protein tags” Oral Presentation, *Developmental Biology Alliance Retreat*, Athens, GA. (2019)

Teaching Experiences

- “Cellular Biology 3400” (2021-2022) led by Drs. Rachel Roberts-Galbraith and Vasant Muralidharan; Led weekly discussions in problem-solving sessions and graded exams.
- Resulted in receiving Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (Top 10% TA)
- “Cellular Biology 3400” (2020) led by Drs. Karl Lehtreck and Jacek Gaertig: Led weekly discussions in problem-solving sessions and graded assignments and exams.
- “Genetics with *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*” (2014) led by Dr. Shigeo Murata: Designed experiments and assisted undergraduate students in teaching problem-solving sessions.

Mentors and Contacts

Ph.D. mentors (The University of Georgia)

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