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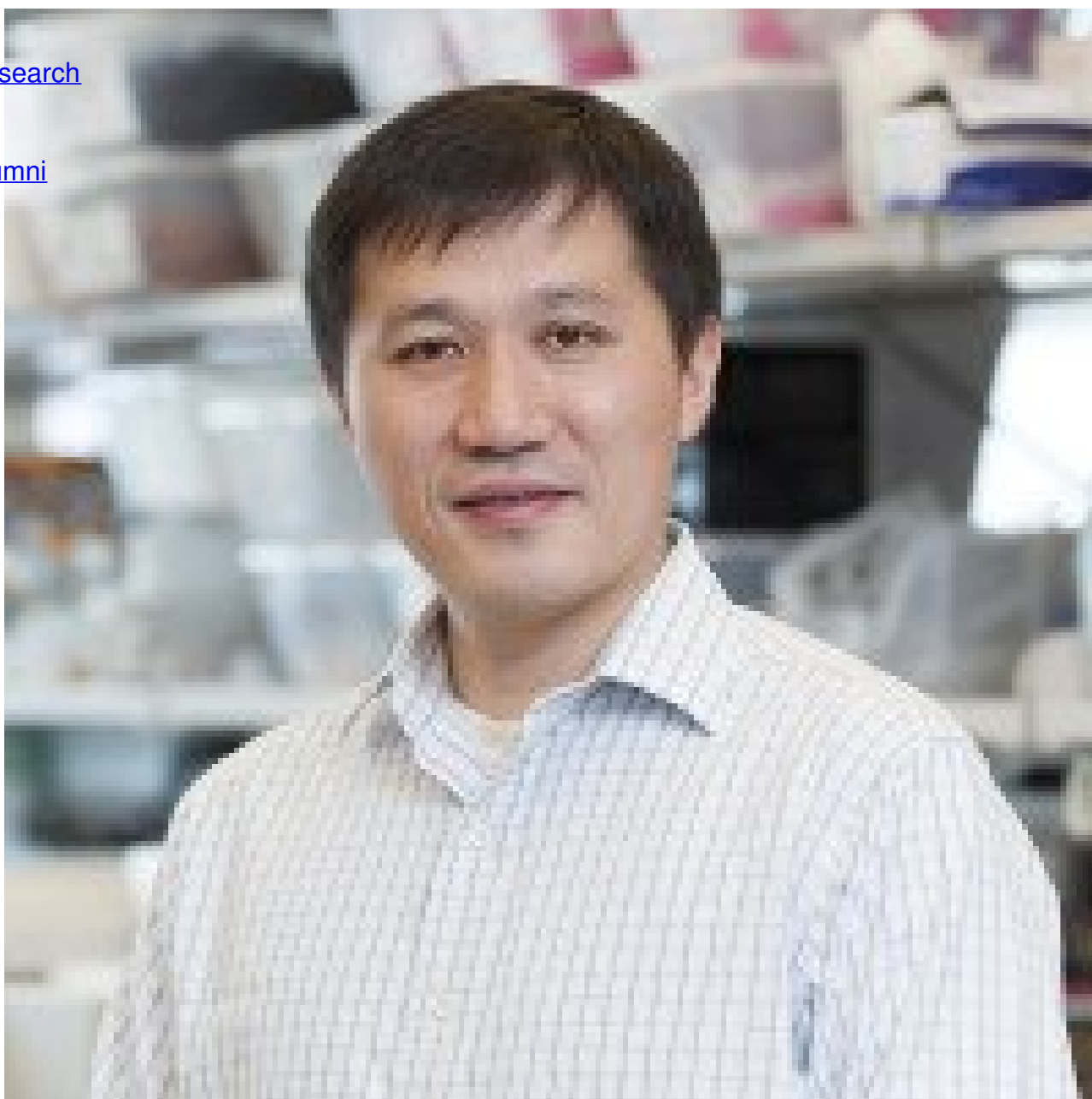
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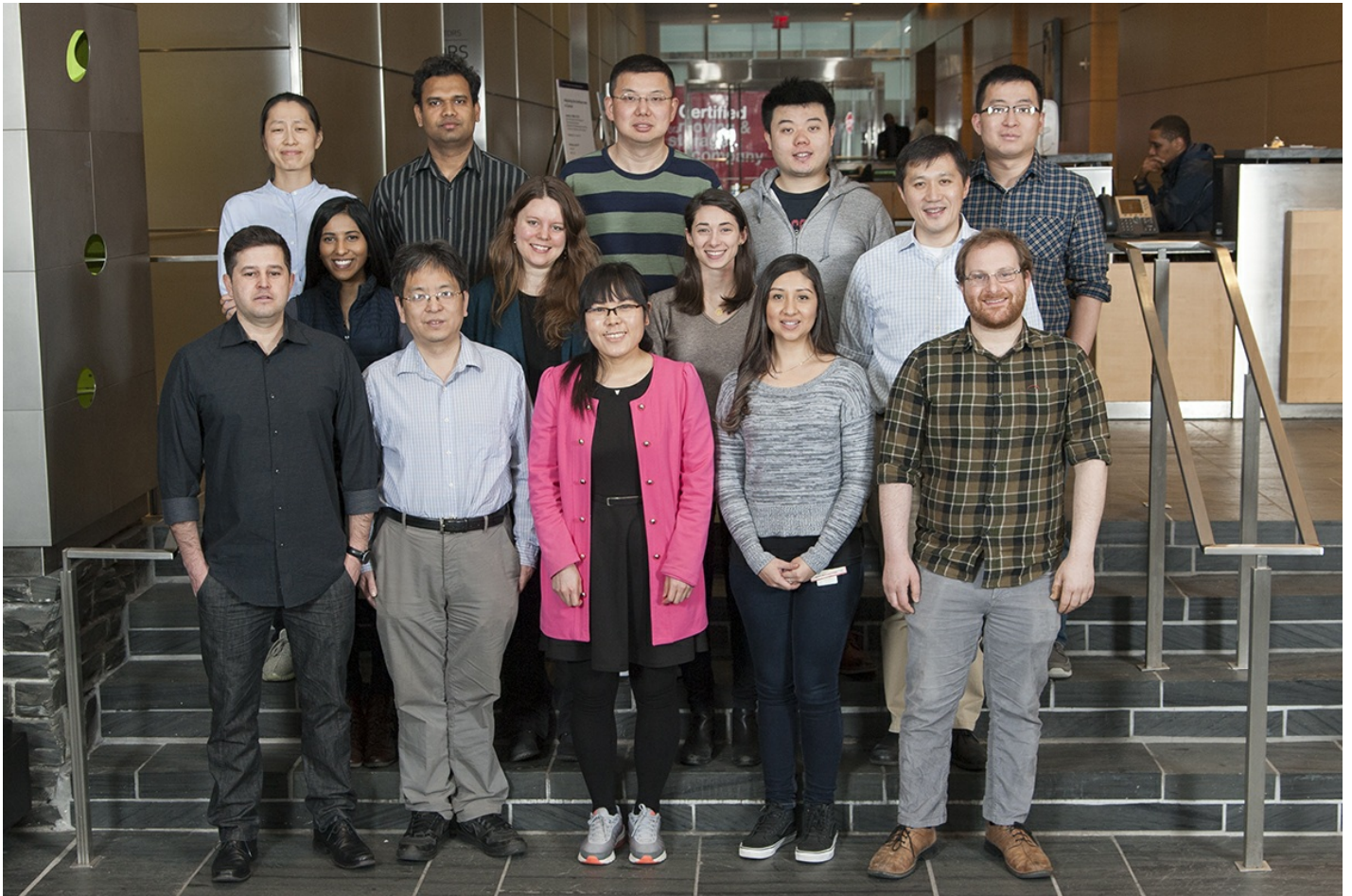
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Minkui Luo, PhD

The Luo Lab is interested in developing and leveraging novel approaches at the interface of chemistry and biology to annotate functional roles of epigenetic modulators. Epigenetic regulation is essential for maintaining cellular fates and its dysregulation has been associated with various diseases including cancer. Among key epigenetic modulators are diverse protein methyltransferases/demethylases and methyl-arginine/lysine (Rme/Kme) effector proteins. With novel chemical tools developed in-house, we aim to systematically interrogate Rme/Kme-involved epigenetics with emphasis on novel molecular mechanisms and biological outcomes. The Luo laboratory is also interested in designing and synthesizing epigenetic inhibitors with the emphasis of the distinct modes of action in disease-relevant contexts. Researchers in the Luo Lab with expertise in chemistry, biochemistry and biology work in a highly collaborative manner to develop unprecedented chemical reagents for biological discovery, elucidate disease-causing mechanisms with molecular details, and explore novel treatments against cancer.

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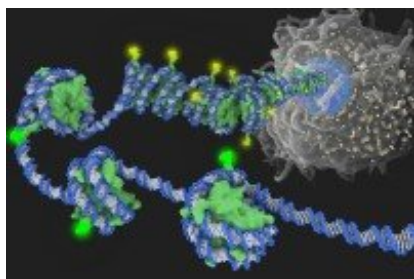
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The breakthrough gives an unprecedented look at the varied and shifting poses of a protein in action.

Q&A



[Setting Cancer Cells on the Right Path: A New Leukemia Drug Shows Growing Promise](#)

An experimental drug for acute myelogenous leukemia might potentially help many more patients than previously thought by controlling epigenetic processes, according to a recent MSK study.

Publications Highlights

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A portrait of Minkui Luo, PhD, a man with short dark hair, wearing a light blue and white checkered button-down shirt. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred laboratory setting with shelves and equipment.

Minkui Luo, PhD

Professor

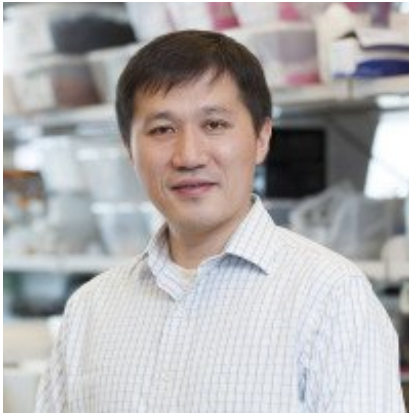
- Chemical Biologist Minkui Luo develops cutting-edge tools, technologies and concepts to annotate functions of protein-posttranslational modifications and designs inhibitors for cancer therapies.
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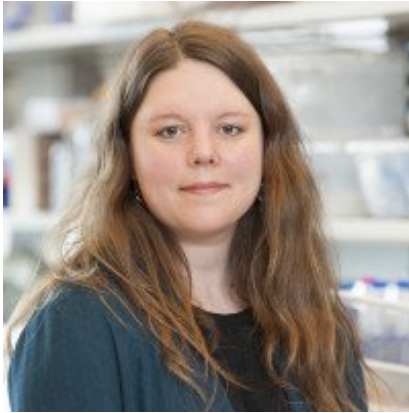
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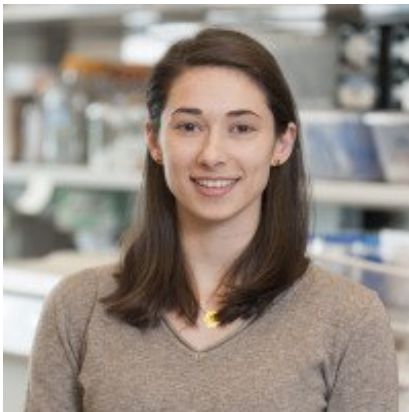
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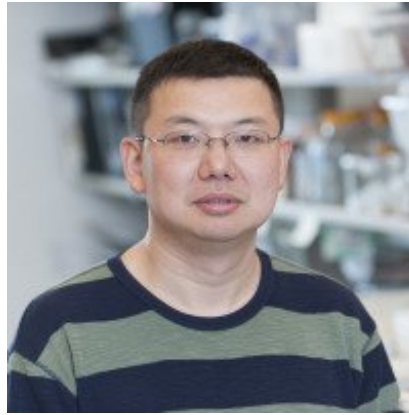
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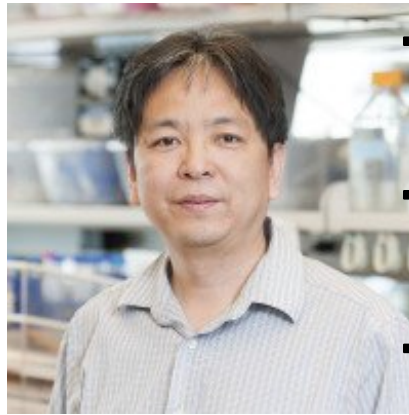
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Achievements

- Maximizing Investigators' Research Award (R35), NIGMS/NIH (2019)
- Rohit Chaudhuri Eli Lilly Award in Research Fellow Biological Chemistry, American Chemical Society (2015)
- Clinical & Translational Science Center Novel Award, Weill Cornell Medical College (2014)
- Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar, March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation (2011)
- Director's New Innovator Award, National Institutes of Health (2010)

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