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Profile

Dahai Yang obtained his Ph.D. from East China University of Science and Technology (ECUST) in 2015. Prior to returning to China to assume an Assistant Professor at ECUST, he was a joint PhD student with Dr. Gabriel Núñez from the University of Michigan (2013-2015). In 2018, he was promoted to become an Associate Professor at ECUST. He awards the Young Elite Scientists Sponsorship Program, Shanghai Pujiang Program and Shanghai Chenguang Program. Dr. Yang's research spans from bacterial pathogenesis to pyroptotic cell death and to septic-organ dysfunction.

Research Field

Dr. Dahai Yang's group is interested in fundamental research in microbial-host interactions, innate immunity, trained innate immunity and the pathogenesis of inflammatory disease. Specifically, the research focuses on mechanistic studies to understand the role of bacterial infection-induced pyroptosis in regulating multi-organ dysfunction during sepsis. Several approaches that include biochemical reconstitution, cell biology, analysis of genetically modified mutant animals to identify new components in pathogen-induced innate immune responses and to further reveal the underlying biochemical mechanism in vivo.

Research results and selected published papers

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