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## Profile

The long-term goal of his research is to discover and create novel enzymes for the synthesis of chiral amines, and the synthesis of complicate chiral compounds from available materials through synthetic biology approaches.

2001-2005 B.S., Sichuan University, China

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## Research Field

(1) Development of novel enzymes for organic synthesis

(2) Exploration of enzyme structure and function, and enzyme engineering

(3) Multienzyme cascade reactions

## Research results and selected published papers

- [1] Xu-Min Gong, Zhen Qin, Fu-Long Li, Bu-Bing Zeng, Gao-Wei Zheng\*, Jian-He Xu\*. Development of an Engineered Ketoreductase with Simultaneously Improved Thermostability and Activity for Making a Bulky Atorvastatin Precursor. *ACS Catal.*, 2019, 9, 147–153. (IF: 12.2)
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- [8] Jin-Gang Yin, Yi Gong, Xiao-Yan Zhang, Gao-Wei Zheng\*, and Jian-He Xu\*. Green access to chiral Vince lactam in a buffer-free aqueous system using a newly identified substrate-tolerant (–)- $\gamma$ -lactamase. *Catal. Sci. Technol.* 2016, 6, 6305–6310. (IF: 5.73)
- [9] Hao Li, Zheng-Jiao Luan, Gao-Wei Zheng\*, and Jian-He Xu\*. Efficient Synthesis of Chiral Indolines using an Imine Reductase from *Paenibacillus lactis*. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* 2015, 357, 1692–1696. (IF: 5.50)
- [10] Yu-Jun Zhang, Wen-Xia Zhang, Gao-Wei Zheng\*, and Jian-He Xu\*. Identification of an  $\epsilon$ -Ketoester Reductase for Efficient Synthesis of (R)- $\alpha$ -Lipoic Acid Precursor. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* 2015, 357, 1697–1702. (IF: 5.50)