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2. Academic training

2006-11 Ph.D. (Organic Chemistry)
Chemistry Dept., Peking University, China (Advisor: Prof. Zhen Yang)
2011-15 Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry,
University of Texas at Austin, TX, USA (Advisor: Prof. Guangbin Dong)

3. Employment/Appointments

2016-Now Professor, School of Medicine and Pharmacy, Ocean University of China

4. Research interest

My research focuses on developing new methodologies employing transition metal catalysis in generating versatile molecular skeletons, which could be ultimately applied in complex bioactive natural product and/or pharmaceutically active intermediate synthesis.

5. Awards/recognition (most significant)

2016 Recipient of the Taishan Youth Scholar Award, Shandong Government, China
2016 Recipient of the Innovation Pioneer Award, Qingdao Government, China
2015 Recipient of the Outstanding Young Scholar Award of “Aoshan Scholar”, Qingdao National Laboratory for Marine Science and Technology
2015 Recipient of Young “1000 Plan” Award, Chinese Government

6. Publications (last 5 years only)

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- [1] “A Concise Approach to the Total Synthesis of Pseudolaric acid A”
Xu, T.; Li, C.-C.; Yang, Z. *Org. Lett.* **2011**, 13, 2630.