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I am a physician-scientist with a strong background in statistical genetics, functional genomics and clinical medicine (rheumatology). I study how genetic variations affect our disease susceptibility. I develop statistical genetics tools that combine genetics and novel high-dimensional experimental genomic data. I will use these tools to bridge the current gap from disease risk alleles to causal disease mechanisms, diagnosis, and data-driven treatment strategy.

Education:

2011	MD	Medicine	Faculty of Medicine, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
2020	PhD	Statistical Genetics / Medical Sciences	Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

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04/2011-03/2016	Resident and Clinical Fellow	Internal Medicine and Rheumatology	The University of Tokyo Hospital
04/2020-09/2020	Assistant Professor	Department of Statistical Genetics	Osaka University, Japan
09/2020-03/2024	Postdoctoral Research Fellow	Division of Genetics (Dr. Soumya Raychaudhuri)	Brigham & Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School and Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard
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Professional Societies:

2018- American Society of Human Genetics

Honors and Prizes:

2010	Otsubo Tetsumon Fellowship Award	The University of Tokyo	Academic achievements
2017	Finalist of Meeting Award	the 62th Annual Meeting of the Japan Society of Human Genetics	Research
2018	Semifinalist	American Society of Human Genetics/Charles J. Epstein Trainee Award for Excellence in Human Genetics Research	Research
2019	Finalist	American Society of Human Genetics/Charles J. Epstein Trainee Award for Excellence in Human Genetics Research	Research
2020	The President's Award	The University of Tokyo	Academic achievements
2020	L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science International Award		Academic achievements
2020	Young Investigator's Award	The Japan Society of Human Genetics	Academic achievements
2022	Young Scientists' Prize	Ministry of Education, Culture, and Technology, Japan	Academic achievements
2022	Poster Prize (3rd)	Impact of Genomic Variation on Function (IGVF) Annual Meeting	Research
2022	Semifinalist	American Society of Human Genetics/Charles J. Epstein Trainee Award for Excellence in Human Genetics Research	Research
2023	Stellar Abstract Award	17th Annual Program in Quantitative Genomics Conference	Research
2023	Eric S. Lander Prize in Scientific Excellence	The Broad Institute	Academic achievements

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2022/3	Cross-population GWAS for M2M2M. International Common Disease Alliance Scientific Plenary (Virtual conference)
2022/3	Decoding the diversity of killer immunoglobulin-like receptors by deep sequencing and a high-resolution imputation method. National Institute of Genetics, Japan
2022/5	Creating a statistical method to utilize genetics knowledge for improving healthcare. Osaka University, Osaka, Japan
2022/7	Creating a statistical method to utilize genetics knowledge for improving healthcare. Keio University, Tokyo, Japan
2022/8	A cell-type specific enhancer-gene map from single cell multimodal RNA/ATAC-seq can pinpoint causal variation and genes in complex traits. Impact of Genomic Variation on Function (IGVF) Scientific Seminar Series (virtual), US
2022/8	Creating a statistical method to utilize genetics knowledge for improving healthcare The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
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2022/10	Accurate enhancer gene maps from single cell multimodal data enable fine-mapping of human disease loci. GRIP Meeting, Harvard Medical School, Boston, US
2022/10	Accurate enhancer gene maps from single cell multimodal data enable fine-mapping of human disease loci. Impact of Genomic Variation on Function (IGVF) Phenotypic working group, US
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2022/12	A scalable approach to use single-cell multimodal data to define disease causal variants and links them to target genes. Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center (Virtual)
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2023/02	A scalable approach to use single-cell multimodal data to define disease causal variants and links them to target genes. Program in Quantitative Genomics Working Group Series, Boston, US
2023/02	Functional fine-mapping of GWAS using single-cell multimodal ATAC/RNA-seq data points to disease causal alleles and genes. RA Genetics Consortium meeting (Virtual)
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