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BCH 252 Seminar Series

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Seminar Title: "How Chromatin Accessibility and Non-Coding RNAs Control Cell Fate Decisions"

Abstract: The ability of stem cells to self-renew or mature into specialized cell types is central to embryonic development, organismal life and response to infections, injury, and aging. This plasticity of cell fate is largely attributed to the activity of lineage-specific transcription factors and dynamic changes of the epigenome. Our work and others have previously shown that cellular plasticity is governed by replication-coupled chromatin assembly and heterochromatin regulation. An added layer of complexity to these gene regulatory pathways are the diverse classes of small non-coding RNA molecules including transfer RNA-derived small RNAs (tsRNAs) that are emerging as key epigenetic players. However, how chromatin assembly pathways maintain cell identity and whether tRNAs cooperate with these pathways to regulate cellular plasticity remain elusive. In this seminar I will present our new findings on the mechanisms by which replication-coupled chromatin assembly maintains lineage fidelity in hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells and discuss how tRNA biogenesis is implicated in the regulation of cellular plasticity.

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Host: Dr. Xuan Liu