**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Education:**

Ph. D. (2002), Organic /Medicinal Chemistry

Shanghai Institute of Pharmaceutical Industry (SIPI), Chinese Federal Drug Administration

M. Sc. (1997), Organic /Medicinal Chemistry

Shanghai Institute of *Materia Medica*(SIMM), Chinese Academy of Science

B. Sc. (1991), Chemistry, Southwest Normal University, China

**Positions and Appointments:**

***Research***

2013 – Current, Research Assistant Professor.

2008 – 2012. Research Specialist. Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

2006-2008 Research Associate

2004-2006 PostdoctoralResearch Fellow: College of Pharmacy, University of Kentucky

2002-2003 Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Department of Biochemistry, University of Washington

***Teaching***

1997-1999, Lecturer, school of pharmacy, Fudan University, China PR

Courses taught: *Medicinal Chemistry*, *Organic Reaction in Pharmaceutical Synthesis* (Undergraduate senior)

**Professional Synergistic Activities**

***Awards for Research and Service:***

NIEHS UNC-CH Center of Environmental Health and Susceptibility, pilot grant 2013, PI. Title: Genotoxicity study of the newly revealed epoxides will provide insights to the molecular mechanisms linking exposure and health outcome

Chinese National Science Foundation, research grant, 2014, Co-PI. Title: Microbial mechanisms of remediation of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons-contaminated soil by spent mushroom substrate

***Ad hoc Journal Reviewer:***

*Bioorganic Medicinal Chemistry Letters,*

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*Tetrahedron Letters.*

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*European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry.*

*Chemical Biology and Drug Design*

*Synthetic communications*

*Organic and Bimolecular Chemistry*

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Neil Avinash Bhathela, BSPH 2013, UNC-CH

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**Honors:**

1. Award for Excellent scientific article, SIPI, Chinese Drug Administration, 2001

2. The Leiyongshang award for the excellent scientific article, Shanghai Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd., 2002

**Publications:**

***Book Chapter***

Dwoskin LP, Pivavarchyk M, Joyce BM, Neugebauer NM, Zheng G, Zhang Z, Bardo MT, Crooks PA. Targeting reward-relevant nicotinic receptors in the discovery of novel pharmacotherapeutic agents to treat tobacco dependence. Nebr Symp Motiv.; V55:31-63.Spinger 2009; Editors: Rich A. Vevins, Anthony R. Caggiula

***Original Scholarly Journal Articles***

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3. **Z. Zhang**, Y.-H. Lin, H. Zhang, J. D. Surratt, L. M. Ball, and A. Gold. Synthesis of isoprene atmospheric oxidation products: isomeric epoxydiols and the rearrangement products cis-and trans-3-methyl-3,4-dihydroxytetrahydrofuran. *Atmos. Chem. Phys*., 12, 8529–8535, **2012**. doi:10.5194/acp-12-8529-2012. Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss., **2012**, 12, 14247–14268, doi:10.5194/acpd-12-14247-2012
4. Zhang, Haofei; Lin, Ying-Hsuan; **Zhang, Zhenfa**; Zhang, Xiaolu; Shaw, Stephanie L.; Knipping, Eladio M.; Weber, Rodney J.; Gold, Avram; Kamens, Richard M.; Surratt, Jason D. Secondary organic aerosol formation from methacrolein photooxidation: roles of NOx level, relative humidity and aerosol acidity. *Environmental Chemistry*(**2012**), 9(3), 247-262.
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6. **Zhenfa Zhang,** Louise M. Ball and Avram Gold. Synthesis of stable isotope labeled polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. *Organic and Biomolecular Chemistry*. **2011**, 9(15), 5431-5435**.**
7. **Zhenfa Zhang**, Linda L. Dwoskin and Peter A. Crooks. An Expeditious Synthesis of *cis*-2,3,3a,4,5,9b-hexahydro-1-methyl-pyrrolo-[3,2*h*]isoquinolinevia [3+2] Cycloaddition. *TetrahedronLetters*. **2011**, 52(21), 2667-2669.
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10. **Zhenfa Zhang**, Guangrong Zheng, Marharyta Pivavarchyk, A. Gabriela Deaciuc, Linda P. Dwoskin, Peter A. Crooks. Novel bis-, tris-, and tetrakis-tertiary amino analogs as antagonists at neuronal nicotinic receptors that mediate nicotine-evoked dopamine release. *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters***2011**, 21,88–91.
11. Guangrong Zheng, **Zhenfa Zhang**, Paul R. Lockman, Werner J. Geldenhuys, David D. Allen,Linda P. Dwoskin, Peter A. Crooks. Bis-azaaromatic quaternary ammonium salts as ligands for the blood–brain barrier choline transporter. *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters***2010**, 20,3208–3210.
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14. **Zhenfa Zhang**, Paul R. Lockman, Rajendar K. Mittapalli, David D. Allen, Linda P. Dwoskin and Peter A. Crooks.bis-Pyridinium cyclophanes: novel ligands with high affinity for the blood-brain barrier choline transporter. *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters.***2008**18(20): 5622-5625.
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3. Peter A. Crooks, Guangrong Zheng, **Zhenfa Zhang**, Linda P.Dwoskin, and Sangeetha Sumithran, Mono-Quaternary Ammonium Compounds that Interact with Neuronal Nicotinic Receptors”. U.S. Patent Application, US 60/814,423, July 14th, 2006.
4. Peter A. Crooks, Guangrong Zheng, **Zhenfa Zhang**, Linda P. Dwoskin, and Sangeetha Sumithran, Bis-Quaternary Ammonium Compounds that Interact with Neuronal Nicotinic Receptors”.U.S. Patent Application, US 60/758,622, January 13th, 2006
5. Peter A. Crooks, Linda P. Dwoskin, Guangrong Zheng, **Zhenfa Zhang**, Sangeetha Sumithran, David D. Allen, and Paul Lockman, Bis Quaternary Ammonium Cyclophane Compounds that Interact with Neuronal Nicotinic Receptors. U.S. Provisional Patent Application, US 60/814,640, June 16th, 2006.
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**Presentations**

***Oral Presentations:***

1. **Zhenfa Zhang**. Organic synthesis in Environmental Sciences. Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Nov 2012Chapel Hill NC
2. **Zhenfa Zhang**, Synthesis of nicotinic acetyl choline receptor ligands. Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Jul 2008Chapel Hill NC
3. **Zhang Z**, Deaciuc AG, Lockman PR, Allen DD, Dwoskin LP and Crooks PA. Synergistic design of polar bis-pyridinium analogs containing a 1,4-di-(1-butynyl)phenylenediyl linker: Interaction with both nicotinic receptors and the blood-brain barrier choline transporter (BBBCT). The College on Problem in of Drug Dependence (CPDD), 2006Scottsdale AZ

***Poster Presentations*:( (CPDD Annual National Conference and AAPS Annual International Conference)**

1. Ross JT, **Zhang Z**, Crooks PA, Dwoskin LP and Bardo MT. Effects of novel *tris*-quaternary ammonium nicotinic antagonists on locomotor activity and nicotine-induced hyperlocomotion in rats. CPDD, 2007.
2. Neugebauer NM, **Zhang Z**, Crooks PA, Dwoskin LP and Bardo MT. Effect of a novel nicotinic receptor antagonist, *N,N’*-dodecane-1,12-diyl-*bis*-3 picolinium dibromide (bPiDDB), on nicotine self-administration and locomotor activity in rats. CPDD, 2005.
3. Rahman S, Neugebauer NM, **Zhang Z**, Crooks PA, Dwoskin LP and Bardo MT. Effects of novel *N,N’*-dodecane-1,12-diyl-*bis*-3-picolinium dibromide (bPiDDB) on nucleus accumbens dopamine release in rats sensitized to nicotine. CPDD, 2006.
4. Rahman S, **Zhang Z**, CrooksPA, Dwoskin LP and Bardo MT. Local perfusion of the novel nicotinic receptor antagonist *N,N’*-dodecane-1,12-diyl-*bis*-3-picolinium dibromide (bPiDDB) into the ventral tegmental area (VTA) or the nucleus accumbens (N. Acc), differentially regulates nicotine-induced increases in extracellular dopamine in the nucleus accumbens. AAPS, 2007.
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9. **Zhang Z**, Sumithran SP, Deaciuc AG, Dwoskin LP and Crooks PA. *N*-Alkylpyridinium-and *bis*-*N,N’*-alkylpyridinium analogs as nicotinic receptor antagonists: selective inhibition of neuronal nicotinic acetylcholine receptor subtypes that mediate nicotine-evoked dopamine release. AAPS, 2005.
10. **Zhang Z**, Sumithran SP, Deaciuc AG, Lockman PR, Allen DD, Dwoskin LP and Crooks PA. Synergistic design of polar *bis*-pyridinium analogs containing a conformationally restricted 1,4-di-(1-butynyl)phenylenediyl linker: interaction with both nicotinic receptors and the blood-brain barrier choline transporter (BBBCT). AAPS, 2006.
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