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'Post-transcriptional regulation of gene expression in *Caenorhabditis elegans*'

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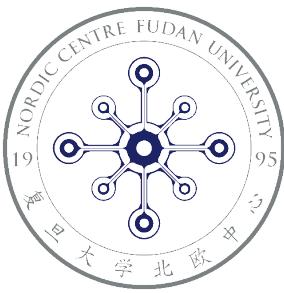
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Abstract:

In eukaryotes, messenger RNAs (mRNAs) are processed from primary transcripts, or precursors of mRNAs (pre-mRNAs), in highly organized ways. I have long been utilizing *C. elegans*, a tiny nematode worm, as a model organism to study pre-mRNA processing regulation *in vivo*. I developed a method to visualize alternative pre-mRNA splicing events with fluorescence reporter minigenes and conducted forward genetic screening to identify trans-acting regulators. RNA-seq analysis of the splicing regulator mutants revealed many target genes. A nonsense-mediated mRNA decay (NMD)-deficient mutant strain was utilized to comprehensively identify alternative splicing events that regulate gene expression levels. Long-read direct mRNA sequencing revealed full-length sequences of the splice variants. Nascent RNA analysis reveals processing dynamics. In this talk, I am going to introduce our methods and findings on pre-mRNA processing in *C. elegans*. I will also show some application to mammalian genes.

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