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### Education

- 2000  
B.S. in Computer Science,  
National Chiao-Tung University, Taiwan
- 2003  
M.S. in Computer Science,  
University of California at Davis, U.S.A.
- 2006  
Ph.D. in Bioinformatics, minor in Statistics  
North Carolina State University, U.S.A.

### Professional Experiences

- 2012/02-present  
Institute of Population Health Sciences, National Health Research  
Institutes, Taiwan  
Associate Investigator
- 2008/4-2011/12  
John P. Hussman Institute of Human Genomics, University of Miami  
Miller School of Medicine, USA  
Assistant Professor
- 2007/1-2008/3  
Center for Human Genetics, Duke University Medical Center, USA  
Postdoctoral Fellow
- 2003/7-2006/12  
Center for Human Genetics, Duke University Medical Center, USA  
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### Research Interests

Statistical genetics, bioinformatics and computational biology.

### Research Activities & Accomplishment

Development of powerful statistical association tests for case-control and family data, design and implementation of efficient computational tools for genetic studies, and performing large-scale genetic association studies for metabolic-related traits.

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### Selected Publications

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Wang YT, Sung PY, Lin PL, Yu YW, **Chung RH\***. A multi-SNP association test for complex diseases incorporating an optimal p-value threshold algorithm in nuclear families. *BMC Genomics*. 2015. 16: 381.

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**Chung RH\***, Tsai WY, Martin ER. Family-based association test using both common and rare variants and accounting for directions of effects for sequencing data. *PLOS ONE*. 2014. 9(9):e107800.

Wang SC, Tsou HH, **Chung RH**, Chang YS, Fang CP, Chen CH, Ho IK, Kuo HW, Liu SC, Shih YH, Wu HY, Huang BH, Lin KM, Chen AC, Hsiao CF, Liu YL. The association of genetic polymorphisms in the  $\kappa$ -opioid receptor 1 gene with body weight, alcohol use, and withdrawal

symptoms in patients with methadone maintenance. *J Clin Psychopharmacol.* 2014. 34(2):205-211.

Park YS, Schmidt MA, Martin ER, Pericak-Vance MA, **Chung RH\***.

Pathway-PDT: a flexible pathway analysis tool for nuclear families.

*BMC Bioinformatics.* 2013. 14:267.

**Chung RH\***, Shih CC. SeqSIMLA: a sequence and phenotype simulation tool for complex disease studies. *BMC Bioinformatics.* 2013. 14:199.

**Patent**