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Dr. Dong did his Ph.D. training with Dr. Max Cooper and his postdoctoral study was conducted in the lab of Dr. Richard Flavell. He served as the Director of the Center for inflammation and Cancer at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and is currently the Director of the Institute for Immunology at Tsinghua University. Dr.

Dong's research is to understand the molecular mechanisms whereby immune and inflammatory responses are normally regulated, and to apply this knowledge to the understanding and treatment of autoimmunity and allergy disorders as well as cancer. The work from Dr. Dong's group has led to the discoveries of Th17 and T follicular helper (Tfh) cell subsets in the immune system and elucidation of their biological and pathological functions. Dr. Dong has over 170 publications and the honors he has received include the 2009 American Association of Immunologists BD Bioscience Investigator Award and election of fellow, the American Association for the advancement of Science in 2011. In 2014 Professor Dong is awarded as Highly Cited Researcher by Thomson Reuters based on publications in 2002-2012.