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PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications (†co-first author, *Corresponding author)

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4. Wang S, Liu H, Yang Y, Wang Q, Zhang C, Zhang S, Gong J*, **Zhong R***. Investigating the shared genetic architecture between adiposity measures and obesity-related cancers. Brief Bioinform. 2025; 26(4):bbaf439.
5. Shen Q, Shi S, Wang H, Zhang S, Qin S, Sheng X, Chang J, Zhang X, Cheng X*, **Zhong R***. Serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D, vitamin D-related variants, and risk of chronic liver disease. Int J Cancer. 2025;157(9):1781-1794.
6. He H, He MM, Wang H, Qiu W, Liu L, Long L, Shen Q, Zhang S, Qin S, Lu Z, Cai Y, Zhang M, Niu S, Li J, Shen N, Zhu Y, Tian J, Chang J, Miao X, **Zhong R***. In Utero and Childhood/Adolescence Exposure to Tobacco Smoke, Genetic Risk and Lung Cancer Incidence and Mortality in Adulthood. Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2023;207(2):173-182.
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