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Prof. Zefeng Wang graduated from Tsinghua University with dual bachelor's degrees in Biological Sciences and Computer Technology, and received his Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

His group has long been focused on the systematical study of RNA regulation, with a commitment to leveraging AI to enable next-generation RNA therapeutics. He was the first to demonstrate that circular RNAs can be translated in human cells to drive protein synthesis, pioneering the application of circular RNA as a new generation of mRNA therapeutics. He founded Shanghai CircCode Biopharma, a world leading clinical-stage company on circRNA drugs. His work has led to four international invention patents and more than 90 peer-reviewed publications, cited over 16,000 times. He has received many international and national awards, including the Sloan Research Fellowship, the Jefferson Award for Basic Medical Research, the Kimmel Scholar Award, the Beckman Young Investigator Award, the Max Planck Scholar Award, the Mercator Fellowship (Germany), the CAS "Hundred Talents Program", the National "Ten Thousand Talents Program", and the State Council Special Government Allowance. He serves on the editorial boards of multiple academic journals and on scientific advisory committees of national and CAS Key laboratories.