

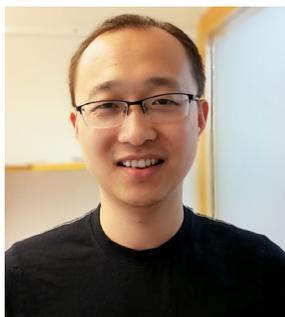
## Meet the First Authors

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### Pathways from Telomeres to Heart Disease (p 214)

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### DRP1 Regulates Cardiovascular Calcification (p 220)

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### PVM and A $\beta$ -Induced Neurovascular Dysfunction (p 258)

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### T Cell-Dependent Antibodies Limit Atherosclerosis (p 270)

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