

# Imran S. Haque, PhD

## Positions

- 2023– **Recursion, SVP, AI and Digital Sciences**
- 2019–2023 **Recursion, VP, Data Science**
- Head of AI/ML and computational sciences at category-defining AI-enabled therapeutics firm**
- **Inception Labs:** (2024–) Founding leader of Inception Labs, Recursion's emerging technology R&D group. Hired, managed, and set technical vision for interdisciplinary group of machine learning scientists, engineers, and biologists to advance the leading edge of AI in biology.
  - **Corporate:** Drafted and revised Recursion IPO S-1. Recursion technology/AI representative for BD and partnering, including partnership (\$12B+) with Roche/Genentech. Technical search, diligence, and integration leader on M&A, including 2023 chemical technology acquisitions of Cyclica and Valence Discovery. Led organization through multinational expansion and through COVID-19 remote transition.
  - **Functional:** Built and led 60+-person department (data science, machine learning/AI, computational chemistry, and computational biology) building autonomous discovery engines mapping biological and chemical space and applying them to drug discovery in fibrosis, oncology, neuroscience, and rare disease.
  - **Technology:** Key leader defining vision and driving implementation of large-scale (bulk/single-cell) NGS, statistical genetics, and computational chemistry to advance discovery and validation pipelines. Drove data partnerships with Tempus and Helix in oncology and germline omics.
  - **Therapeutics:** Co-lead on anti-COVID-19 discovery programs. Joint leadership team member on Bayer and Roche/Genentech partnerships defining computational discovery and ML strategy. Member of Recursion portfolio review committee overseeing entire Recursion discovery pipeline.
- 2021–2023 **Known Medicine, Scientific Advisor**
- Member of SAB advising precision oncology startup from founding through acquisition by Pathos.**
- 2016–2018 **Freenome, Chief Scientific Officer**
- Head of R&D for venture-backed startup developing tests for early cancer detection.**
- Hired and led multidisciplinary R&D team of 24+ machine learning scientists and engineers and molecular and computational biologists.
  - Developed Freenome's research program around analyzing systemic and immune response to colorectal cancer. Presented results at major scientific and clinical conferences.
  - Design, implementation, and scale-up of data and high-performance computing infrastructure for large-scale genomic machine learning.
  - Investor relations through fundraising (including US\$72M series A) and board of directors meetings.
- 2016 **Counsyl, VP, Scientific Affairs**
- 2013–2016 **Counsyl, Director, Research**
- Guideline-changing research in diagnostics development and population-scale genomic discovery.**
- Jointly led clinical development research to drive clinical guidelines and reimbursement, gaining guideline acceptance for pan-ethnic expanded carrier screening. Team presented 19 conference talks and 39 posters in 2015-16 and published 16 papers in 2015-17, including landmark paper in *JAMA*.
  - Hired and led team of four integrating computational and molecular approaches to develop advanced genomics assays, including oncology liquid biopsy assays and best in class assays for inherited conditions.
- 2011–2013 **Counsyl, Sr. Software Engineer/Sr. Research Scientist**
- Engineering team lead managing automated high-throughput clinical genetic testing laboratory.**

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## Education

- 2006–2011 **PhD, Computer Science, Stanford University**  
Large-scale machine learning for drug discovery. Scaled chemical machine learning algorithms to operate on large-scale (16M+ molecules) compound and assay databases, reducing computational cost by over 1 million-fold in both time (CPU) and space (storage).  
Dissertation: [Accelerating Chemical Similarity Search with GPUs and Metric Embeddings](#)  
Committee: [Vijay Pande](#), [Daphne Koller](#), [Russ Altman](#)
- 2002–2006 **BS, Hons., Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, UC Berkeley**  
Coursework in software engineering and algorithms, probability theory, and computational biology.  
Research in hardware design for error correcting codes and parallel programming languages.

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## Selected Invited Talks

- Oct 2023 **Broad Institute Machine Learning in Drug Discovery Symposium**  
[video](#), [slides](#) Decoding Biology with Data Abundance
- Mar 2023 **The Royal Society - Machine Learning and AI in Biological Science, Drug Discovery, and Medicine**  
[video](#), [slides](#) Mapping and navigating biology and chemistry with genome-scale imaging
- Dec 2022 **Learning Meaningful Representations of Life (LMRL) @ NeurIPS 2022**  
[slides](#) Biological Cartography: Building and Benchmarking Representations of Life
- Dec 2021 **Learning Meaningful Representations of Life (LMRL) @ NeurIPS 2021**  
[video](#), [slides](#) Mapping Biology With a Unified Representation Space for Genomic and Chemical Perturbations to Enable Accelerated Drug Discovery
- Apr 2021 **GPU Technology Conference (GTC)**  
[slides](#) Zero to potential COVID-19 treatments in under 4 weeks with deep-learning driven drug screens
- Apr 2019 **(Invited Keynote) Cancer Research UK 3rd Int'l Symp. on Oesophageal Cancer**  
[blog](#), [slides](#) We Are Legion: Statistics and Generalization from Cells to Populations
- Oct 2018 **AACR Special Conf. on Convergence: AI, Big Data, and Prediction in Cancer**  
[blog](#), [slides](#) Making hay of needles: Connecting clinical and physical parameters in the search for early cancer
- Jan 2017 **Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine Annual Meeting**  
[slides](#) 1 in 550: Using 346,790 expanded carrier screens to estimate the risk of Mendelian conditions

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## Selected Posters

- 2024 [PDF](#) Neumann C, Shankaran H, Nadella K, ..., **Haque I**, Donnella H, Cuccarese M, Evangelista M. Poster at Am Assoc Cancer Res (AACR) 2024.  
Phenomics-enabled discovery and optimization of small-molecule RBM39 degraders as an alternative to CDK12 targeting in high-grade serous ovarian cancer (HGSOC)
- 2023 [PDF](#) Rudnick J, Nadella K, Rajan M, ..., **Haque I**, Donnella H, Cuccarese M, Evangelista M. Poster at Am Assoc Cancer Res (AACR) 2023.  
A Phenomics Platform Combining Imaging and Artificial Intelligence for Rapid Validation and Advancement of Novel Oncology Targets
- 2022 [PDF](#) Bhandari A, Cuccarese MF, Fales K, ..., **Haque I**, Alfa R, Rinaldi J. Poster at Am Assoc Cancer Res (AACR) 2022.  
Identification and optimization of novel small molecule modulators of immune checkpoint resistance with a unified representation space for genomic and chemical perturbations
- 2018 [PDF](#) Niehaus K, Wan N, Weinberg D, ..., **Haque IS**, Putcha G. Poster at Am Coll Gastroenterol (ACG) 2018.  
Early-stage colorectal cancer detection using artificial intelligence and whole-genome sequencing of cell-free DNA

- PDF Delubac D, Ariazi E, Berliner J, ..., **Haque IS**. Poster at Am Assoc Cancer Res (AACR) 2018. Multi-analyte profiling reveals relationships among circulating biomarkers in colorectal cancer
- 2017 PDF Davison D, Kaseniit KE, **Haque IS**. Poster at Am Coll Med Genet (ACMG) 2017. *Top Rated Abstract*. Duplication tag SNP g.27134T>G should not be considered diagnostic of SMA carrier status

## Publications

Google Scholar statistics: [https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=Cp\\_wDj4AAAAJ](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=Cp_wDj4AAAAJ)

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High-resolution genome-wide mapping of chromosome-arm-scale truncations induced by CRISPR-Cas9 editing
- 2023 URL Fay MM, Kraus O, Victors M, ..., **Haque IS**, Mabey B. *bioRxiv*: 2023.02.07.527350. (2023)  
RxRx3: Phenomics Map of Biology
- PDF Sypetkowski M, Rezanejad M, Saberian S, ..., **Haque I**, Earnshaw B. In proceedings of *CVPR 2023: IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVMI workshop)*. 4284–4293. (2023)  
RxRx1: A dataset for evaluating experimental batch correction methods
- 2022 URL Celik S, Huetter J, Melo-Carlos S, ..., **Haque I**. *bioRxiv*: 2022.12.09.519400. (2022)  
Biological Cartography: Building and Benchmarking Representations of Life
- 2021 URL Koh PW, Sagawa S, Marklund H, ..., **Haque IS**, Beery S, Leskovec J, Kundaje A, Pierson E, Levine S, Finn C, Liang P. *Proc 38th Intl Conf Mach Learning (ICML)* 139:5637–5664. (2021)  
WILDS: A Benchmark of in-the-Wild Distribution Shifts
- URL **Haque IS**. *Nat Biomed Eng* 5:490–492. (2021)  
Enhanced DNA libraries for methylation analysis (News and Views)
- 2020 URL Cuccarese MF, Earnshaw BA, Heiser K, ..., **Haque IS**, Chong YT, Gibson CC. *bioRxiv*: 2020.08.02.233064v2. (2020)  
Functional immune mapping with deep-learning enabled phenomics applied to immunomodulatory and COVID-19 drug discovery
- URL Heiser K, McLean PF, Davis CT, ..., **Haque IS**, Low AS, Gibson CC. *bioRxiv*: 2020.04.21.054387v1. (2020)  
Identification of potential treatments for COVID-19 through artificial intelligence-enabled phenomic analysis of human cells infected with SARS-CoV-2
- DOI Kaseniit KE, **Haque IS**, Goldberg JD, Shulman LP, Muzzey D. *Genet Med* 22:1694–1702. (2020)  
Genetic ancestry analysis on >93,000 individuals undergoing expanded carrier screening reveals limitations of ethnicity-based medical guidelines
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Screening for Tay-Sachs disease carriers by full-exon sequencing with novel variant interpretation outperforms enzyme testing in a pan-ethnic cohort
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Spatial co-fragmentation pattern of cell-free DNA recapitulates in vivo chromatin organization and identifies tissues-of-origin
- DOI Heitzer E, **Haque IS**, Roberts CE, Speicher MR. *Nat Rev Genet* 20:71–88. (2019)  
Current and future perspectives of liquid biopsies in genomics-driven oncology
- URL Wan N, Weinberg D, Liu T, ..., **Haque IS**. *BMC Cancer* 19:832. (2019)  
Machine learning enables detection of early-stage cancer by whole-genome sequencing of plasma cell-free DNA

- 2018 URL Manghnani K, Drake A, Wan N, **Haque IS**. *ML4H workshop at NeurIPS 2018*: arXiv cs.LG:1812.03188. (2018)  
METCC: METric learning for Confounder Control: Making distance matter in high-dimensional biological analysis
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Systematic Design and Comparison of Expanded Carrier Screening Panels
- DOI Ghiossi C, Goldberg JD, **Haque IS**, Lazarin GA, Wong KK. *J Genet Counsel* 27:616–625. (2018)  
Clinical Utility of Expanded Carrier Screening: Reproductive Behaviors of At-Risk Couples
- 2017 DOI **Haque IS**, Elemento O. *bioRxiv*: 237578. (2017)  
Challenges in Using ctDNA to Achieve Early Detection of Cancer
- DOI Artieri CG, Haverty C, Evans EA, ..., **Haque IS**, Yaron Y, Muzzey D. *Prenat Diagn* 37(5):482–490. (2017)  
Noninvasive Prenatal Screening at Low Fetal Fraction: Comparing Whole-Genome Sequencing and Single-Nucleotide Polymorphism Methods
- DOI Vysotskaia VS, Hogan GJ, Gould GM, ..., **Haque IS**. *PeerJ* 5:e3046. (2017)  
Development and validation of a 36-gene sequencing assay for hereditary cancer risk assessment
- DOI Amorim CE, Gao Z, Baker Z, ..., **Haque IS**, Pickrell J, Przeworski M. *PLoS Genetics* 13(9):e1006915. (2017)  
The population genetics of human disease: the case of recessive, lethal mutations
- DOI Lazarin GA, **Haque IS**, Evans EA, Goldberg JD. *Prenat Diagn* 37(4):350–355. (2017)  
Smith-Lemli-Opitz syndrome carrier frequency and estimates of in utero mortality rates
- 2016 DOI **Haque IS**, Lazarin GA, Kang HP, Evans EA, Goldberg JD, Wapner RJ. *JAMA* 316(7):734–742. (2016)  
Modeled Fetal Risk of Genetic Diseases Identified by Expanded Carrier Screening
- DOI Kang HP, Maguire JR, Chu CS, **Haque IS**, Lai H, Mar-Heyming R, Ready K, Vysotskaia VS, Evans EA. *PeerJ* 4:e2162. (2016)  
Design and validation of a next generation sequencing assay for hereditary *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* mutation testing
- DOI Mehta N, Lazarin GA, Spiegel E, ..., **Haque IS**, Wapner R. *Genet Test Molec Biomarker* 20(9):504–509. (2016)  
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An empirical estimate of carrier frequencies for 400+ causal Mendelian variants: results from an ethnically diverse clinical sample of 23,453 individuals
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Knowledge and attitudes regarding expanded genetic carrier screening among women's healthcare providers
- DOI **Haque IS**, Pande VS, Walters WP. *J Chem Inf Model* 51(9):2345–2351. (2011)  
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- DOI **Haque IS**, Pande VS. *J Chem Inf Model* 51(9):2248–2253. (2011)  
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- 2018 [URL](#) Kaseniit KE, **Haque IS**. *US Patent* (granted 2022):11,527,304 B2. (2018)  
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Method for rapidly approximating similarities

## Open-source contributions

- Primary author **PeloMon**  
Reverse engineering of Peloton data interface to build custom Bluetooth cadence/power meter
- Primary author **xorshift**  
High-performance vectorized RNGs for Python
- Primary author **MemtestG80/MemtestCL**  
Tools to check GPU memory for errors

- Primary author **SIML**  
High-performance LINGO similarity library for GPU and CPU
- Primary author **PAPER**  
GPU-based 3-D shape comparison for chemical similarity
- Primary author **IRMSD**  
Optimal SSE2/SSE3-based code for structural RMSD computation