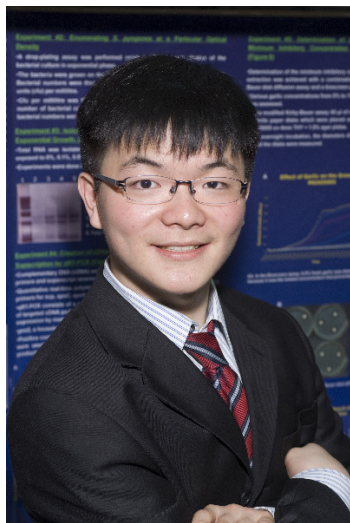


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Garlic-Induced Gene Expression Changes in Streptococcus pyogenes Predict a Reduc

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Abstract: This project hypothesized that a natural product like fresh garlic could decrease the virulence factor expression of *S. pyogenes*. To address the hypothesis, qRT-PCR was performed to see the decrease in transcriptions of tested virulence factors (*speA*, *speC*, *slo*, *scp*) in the presence of various garlic concentrations. In conclusion, the result supported the hypothesis, suggesting that garlic could potentially be used to prevent streptococcal infections.

Biography

I am a grade 11 student in London, Ontario, Canada who attends A.B. Lucas Secondary School. I am currently a string bassist in Lucas Concert Band and a representative of the school music council. Also, I am in the school badminton team as a "men-singles" player. Concerning community activities, I play a monthly concert to a group of elders as a violinist. My hobbies and interests include scientific experiments, music, and sports. After joining SMARTS, I have begun to promote science to students by founding a science club at my school and giving presentations at the local public schools. Thanks to the wonderful experience I had through the local university lab, I hope to become a microbiologist when I grow up.

Awards

Value

Dalhousie University Faculty of Science Entrance Scholarship Senior Gold Medallist - \$4000 Entrance Scholarship Sponsor: Dalhousie University, Faculty of Science	\$4 000
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