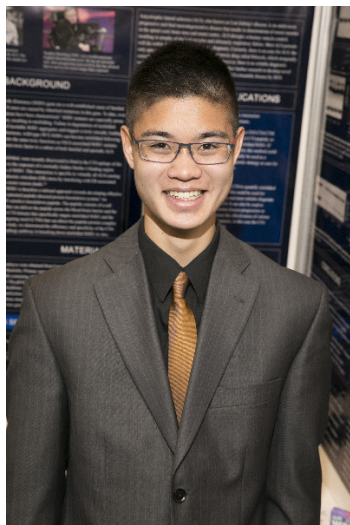


CWSF 2017 - Regina, Saskatchewan



Justin Lin

Peptide-Directed Knockdown of Misfolded SOD1 by Chaperone ? Mediated Autophagy

Challenge: Health

Category: Senior

Region: Manitoba Schools Science Symposium

City: Winnipeg, MB

School: St. John's Ravenscourt School

Abstract: ALS is a neurodegenerative disease that results in death 3-5 years following diagnosis. Currently, there is no cure or definitive diagnostic test for ALS. This project investigates two novel techniques: firstly, we demonstrate the potential of our modified ELISA technique as a diagnostic tool. We also show our TAT-CT4-CTM peptide's ability to knock down ALS-associated misfolded SOD1; this peptide could be a cure for ALS.

Biography

My name is Justin Lin and I am in Grade 12 at SJR school in Winnipeg, Manitoba. My hobbies include playing piano and debating. In my spare time, I do a lot of volunteering at various organizations, although I especially enjoy peer tutoring. I also play sports such as basketball, soccer and ultimate frisbee. I hope to pursue a career in medicine or research. This will be my third and final year at CWSF. After doing two years of cardiovascular research, I decided to try something new this year by working in a neuroscience lab. My project developed a new strategy to target ALS, a devastating neurodegenerative disease that results in death 3-5 years after diagnosis. My results are very promising and my lab is now testing the peptide-based treatment on ALS mouse models. To any other students thinking about doing a project, I would recommend following your passions and finding a mentor who is willing to work closely with you. It is also important to have faith in yourself and persevere; I believe that the research conducted by high school students can change the world!

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