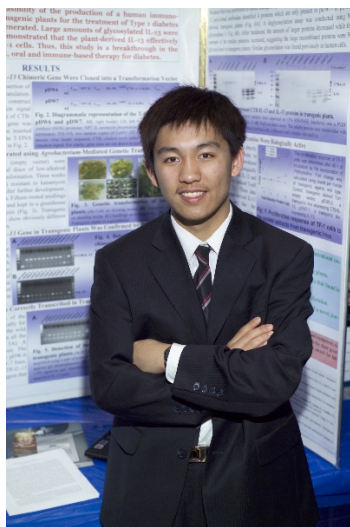


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Engineering A Cure for Diabetes

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Abstract: This project investigated the feasibility of the cost-effective production of a human regulatory cytokine, IL-13 in transgenic plants for the treatment of Type 1 diabetes (T1D). Transgenic plants producing large amounts of IL-13 were generated. In vitro bioassays demonstrated that the plant-derived IL-13 effectively induced the proliferation of T1D-associated T-lymphocytes. Thus, this study represents a novel, low-cost, oral, immune-based therapy for diabetes.

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Honourable Mention - Biotechnology & Pharmaceutical Sciences Senior	\$100
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