

**2014-2015
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1st Year Trainees

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Project: Roles of Bcl-2 in β -Cell Oxidative Stress in Diabetes and Pancreatic Islet Transplantation



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Project: Treatment of Diabetes with Stem Cell Derived Islets



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Project: Cell regulatory networks involved in graft accommodation or rejection



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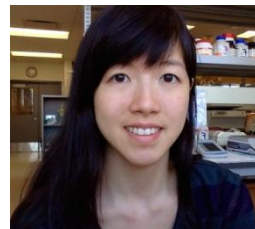
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Project: Regulatory T cell therapy in transplantation



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Project: Combined allergen and diesel exhaust in human airway submucosa synergizes innate and immune responses associated with organ rejection



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