2026-27 MSTP Students by Year in Program

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Matthew Li
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Lucia Vilchez
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Jacob Smothers
Danielle Streever
Mahmoud Summers
Sofiya Vyshnya
Patrick Zhuang

G3
Anuoluwapo Ajao
Emily Blaum
Salvatore (Sonny) Caradonna
Andy Chen
Laura Chen
Alexander Crane
Alexander Foden
Benjamin Hauk
Inga Hwang
Kayla Klatt
Victor Pastrana-Gómez
Iris Peng
Javier Urcuyo Acevedo
David Yan

G4+
Corynn Appolonia
Henock Befekadu
Sofia Corella
Indrani Das
Himanshu Dashora
Katherine Dominic
Claire Fritz
Jacob Ingber
Paul Karell
Hans Leier
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Marc Scemama de Gialluly
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Stephen Wang
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Ying Xiong
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Hannah Zamore

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Rupleen Kaur
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Kevin Newhall
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Joseph Schindler
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Kyle Starost

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Zachary Grimmett
Natasha Ingles
Brian Kim
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Research Topic: Undecided

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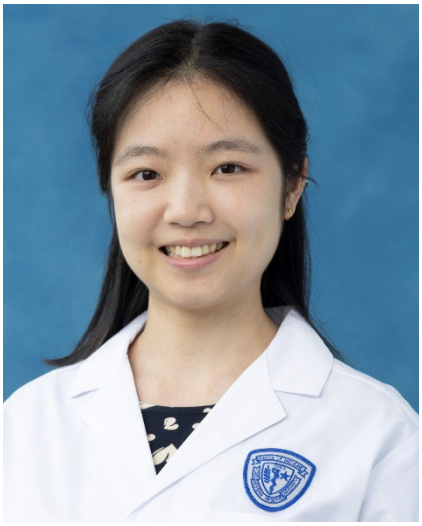

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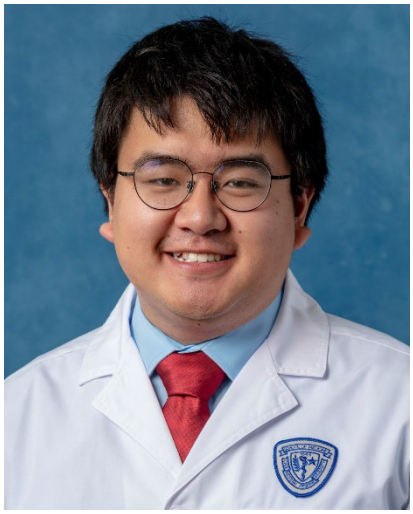

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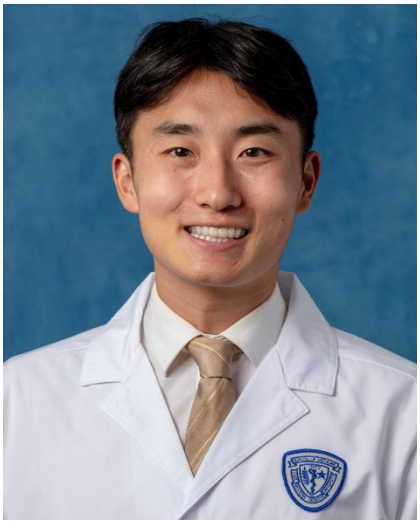

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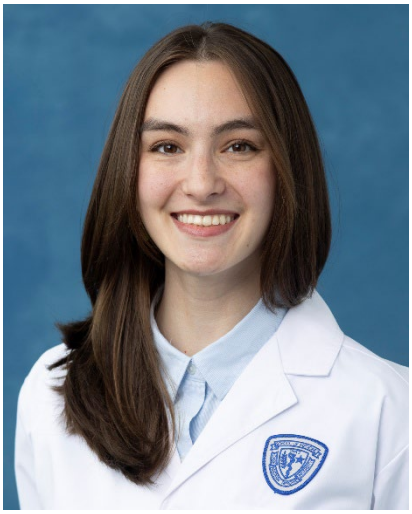

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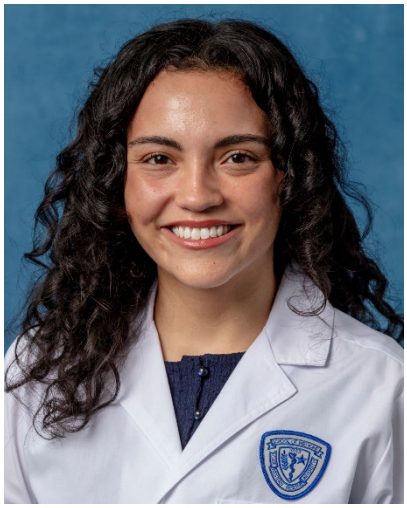

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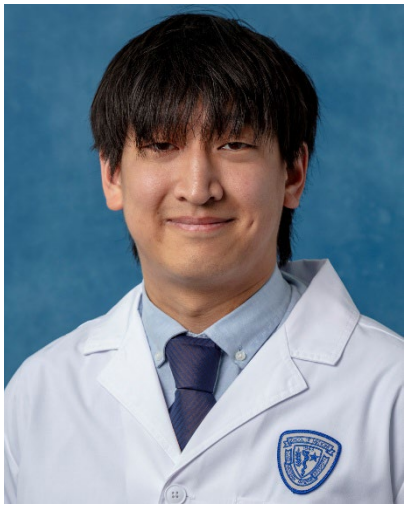

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Research Topic: Undecided

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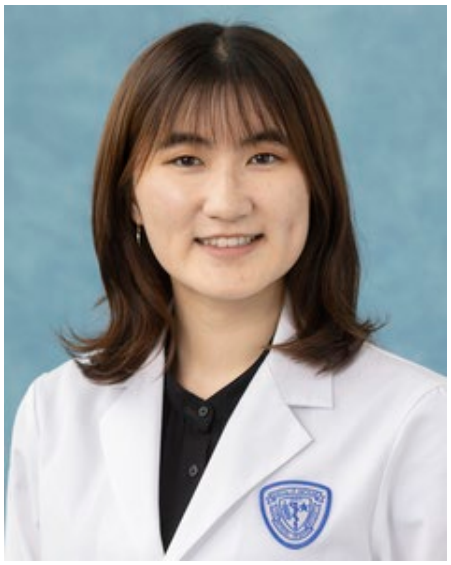

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Research Topic: Undecided

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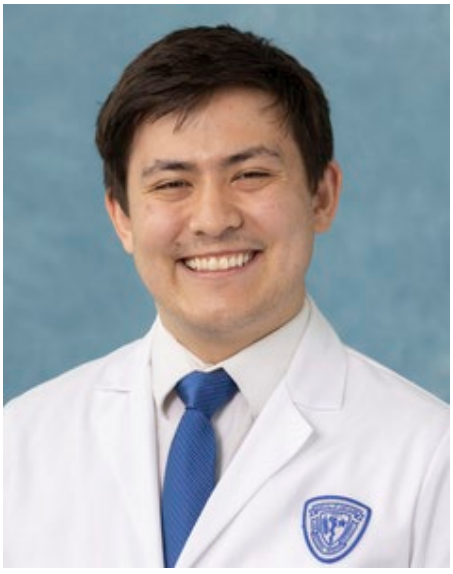

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Research Topic: Undecided

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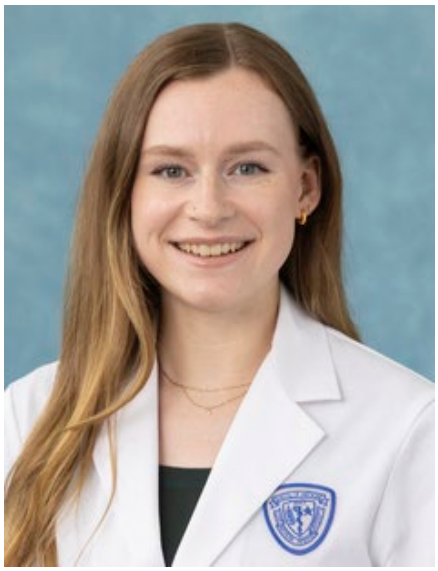

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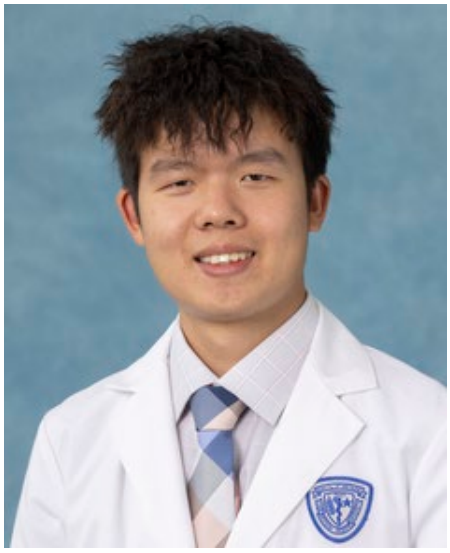

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Research Topic: Undecided

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Research Topic: Pathological population neural dynamics

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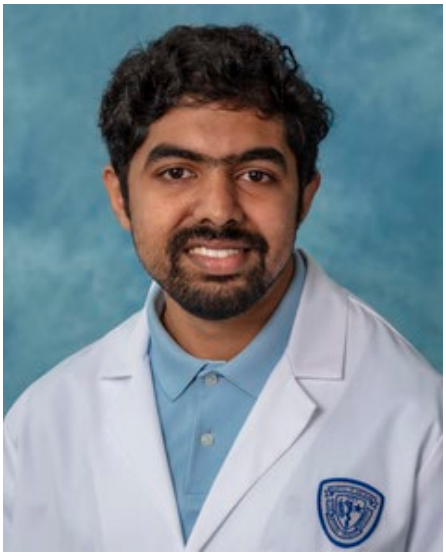

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Research Topic: Undecided

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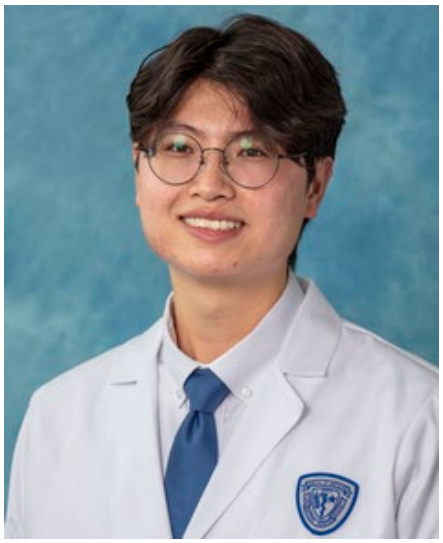

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Research Topic: Undecided

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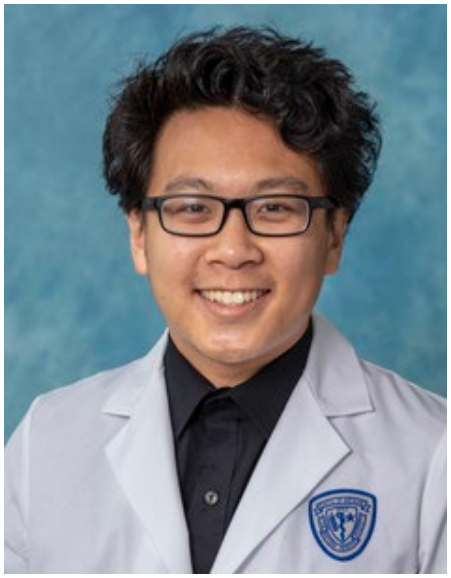

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Thesis Committee Representative: Undecided

Research Topic: Undecided

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G1



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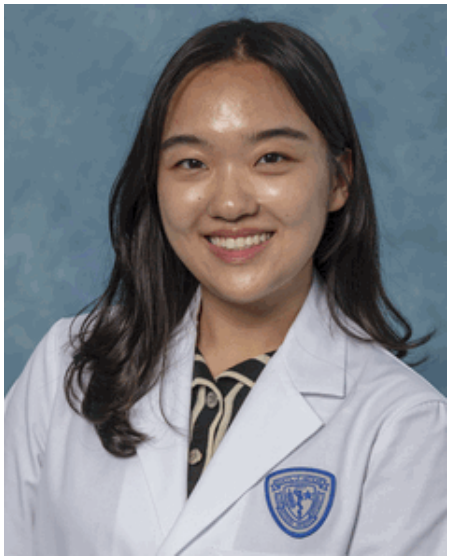
Research Topic: Urinary proteomics in patients with severe alcoholic hepatitis

Undergrad: University of Texas at Dallas



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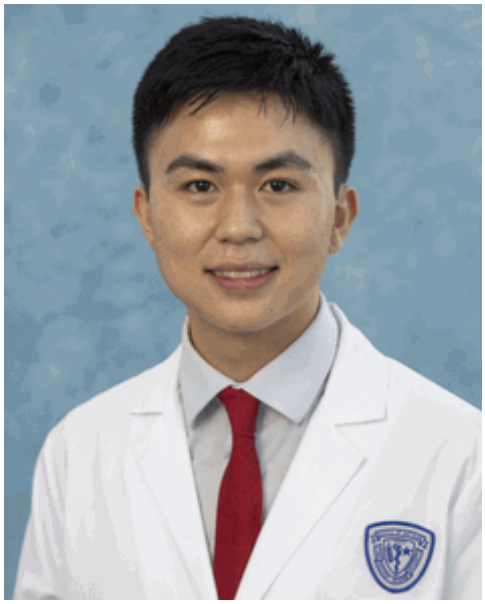
Thesis Committee Representative: Undecided
Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: University of Southern California



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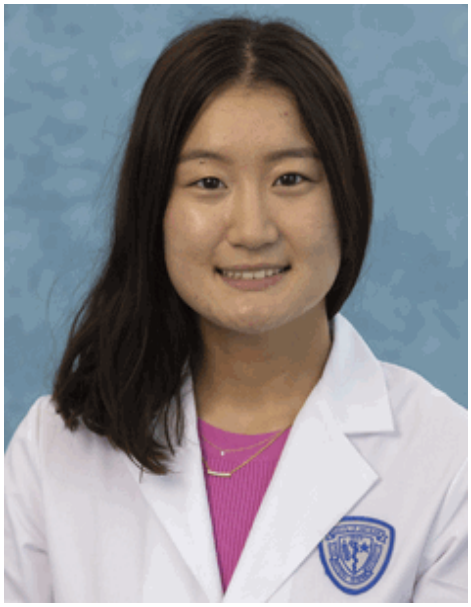
Research Topic: Retrotransposon variation and its role in complex disease: leveraging long-read sequencing, pangenome approaches, and biobank-scale data to characterize mobile element insertions, link them to disease-relevant phenotypes, and define their functional consequences through transcriptomic integration

Undergrad: Rutgers University – New Brunswick



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Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Claremont McKenna College



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Thesis Committee Representative: Undecided

Research Topic: Undecided

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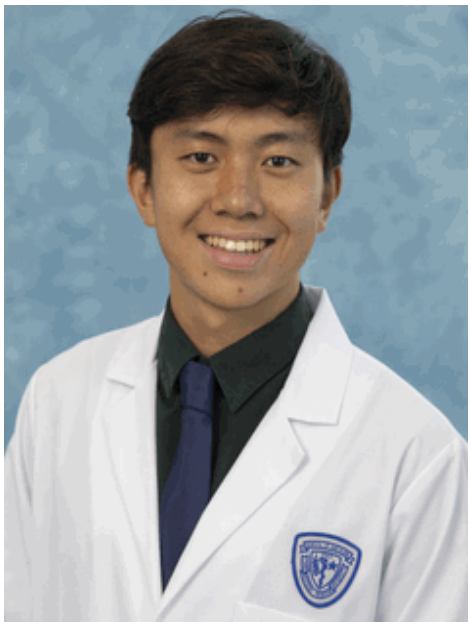

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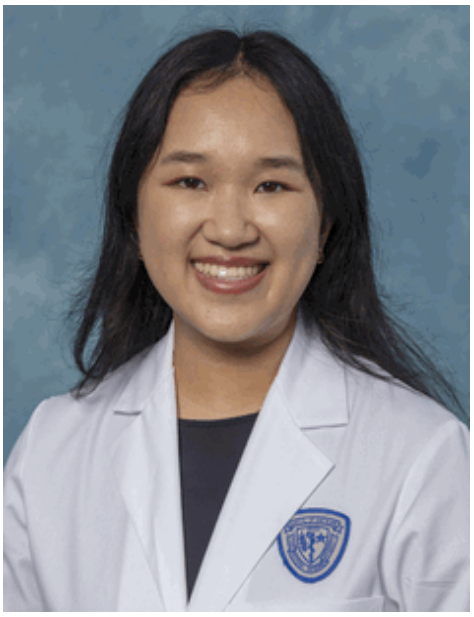
Research Topic: Chronic systemic inflammation in Alzheimer's Disease

Undergrad: University of Pennsylvania



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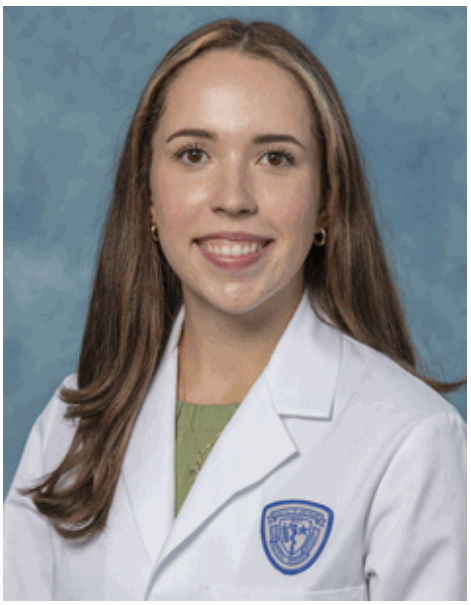
Research Topic: Undecided

Undergrad: Boston University



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Undergrad: University of Georgia



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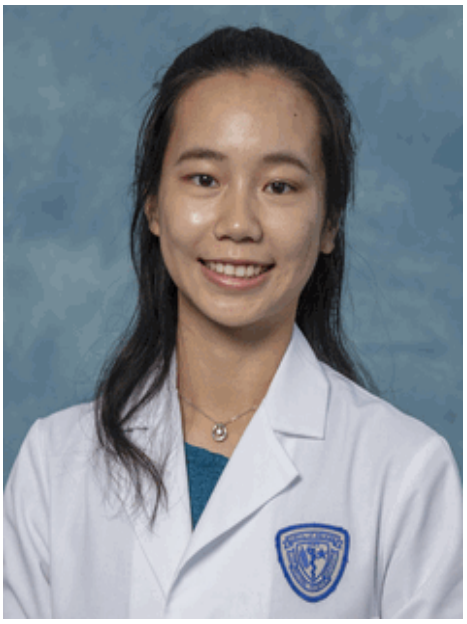
Research Topic: Urogenital microbiome

Undergrad: Oregon State University



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Research Topic: The effect of blood glucose and insulin level on the impact of pathogenesis of diabetic retinopathy

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G2



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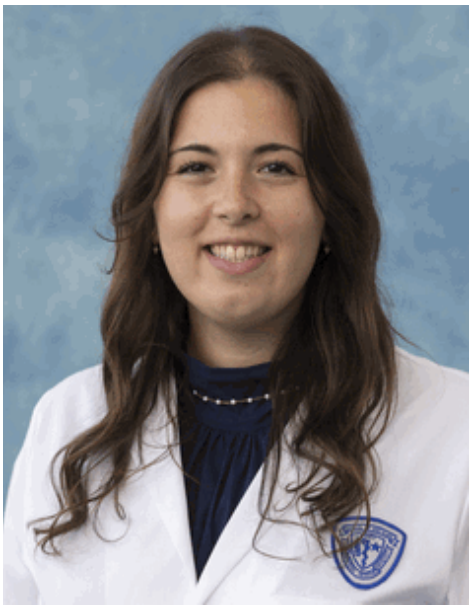
Research Topic: Activation of Nrf2 in APCs to attenuate autoimmune disease

Undergrad: Emory University



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Research Topic: Insight to positive allosteric modulators of alpha3 glycine receptors for potential pain therapeutics

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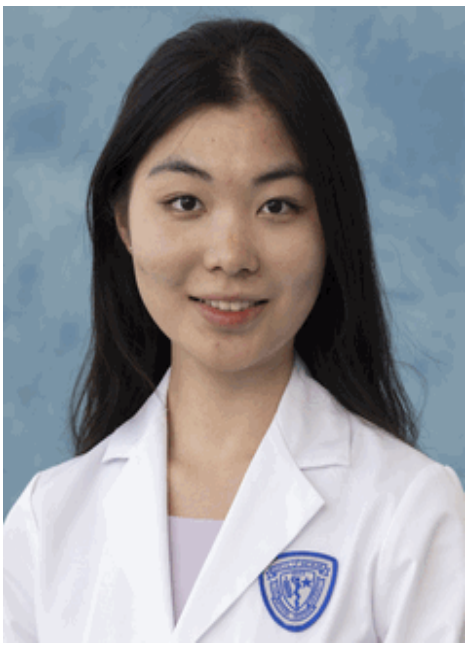
Research Topic: Carotenoid Trafficking and Metabolism in the Retina

Undergrad: Vanderbilt University



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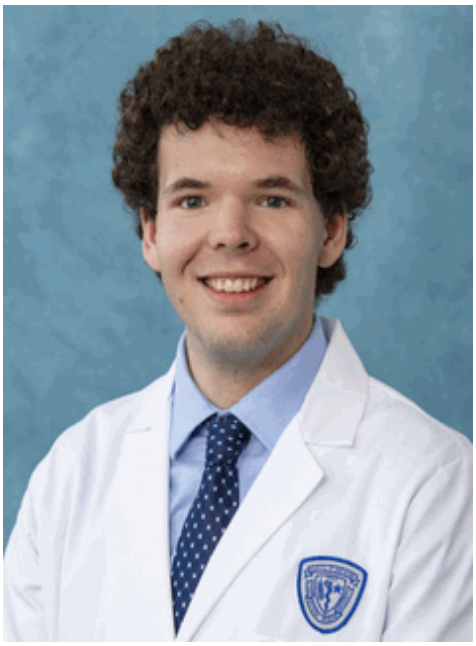
Research Topic: Retinal microvascular basement membrane stiffness modulates inner blood retinal barrier integrity in diabetic retinopathy

Undergrad: University of Illinois at Chicago



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Research Topic: Nanoparticle synthesis optimization with ML

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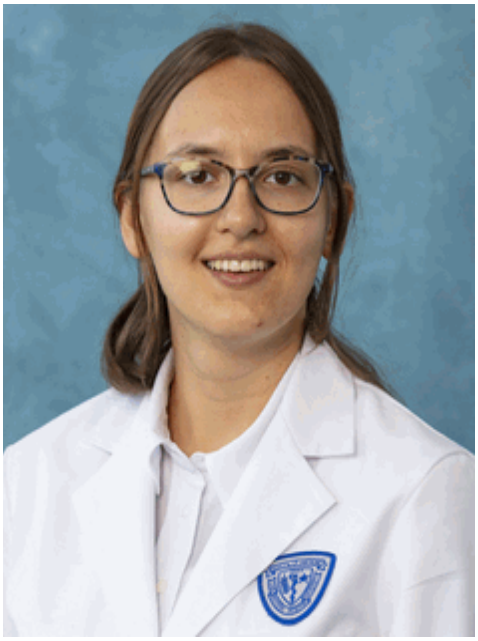
Thesis Committee Representative: Jennifer Yu

Research Topic: Immunotherapy, precision immuno-oncology

Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University



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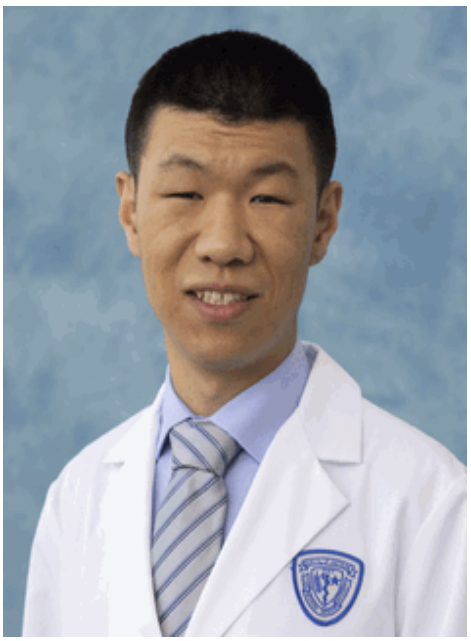
Research Topic: Developing an artificial intelligence (AI) framework for predicting treatment response in rectal cancer leveraging multimodal medical imaging data (MRI, histology) and gene expression data

Undergrad: Georgia Institute of Technology



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Research Topic: Characterization of 96505 as the first inhibitor of 3-dehydrosphinganine reductase (KDSR)

Undergrad: Williams College

G3



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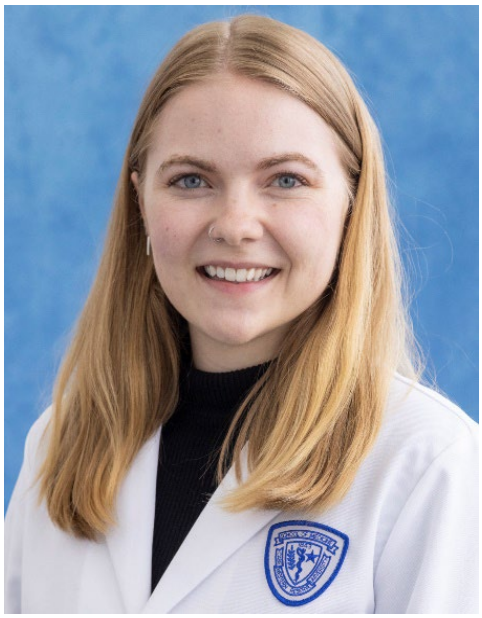
PhD Program: Pathology/Cancer Biology
Thesis Committee Representative: Fredrick Schumacher

Research Topic: Validation of Radiosensitivity Index (RSI) signature in cervical cancer

Undergrad: University of Massachusetts – Boston



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Research Topic: The role of ursodeoxycholic acid in mediating antitumor responses in CD19-directed CAR T-cell therapy

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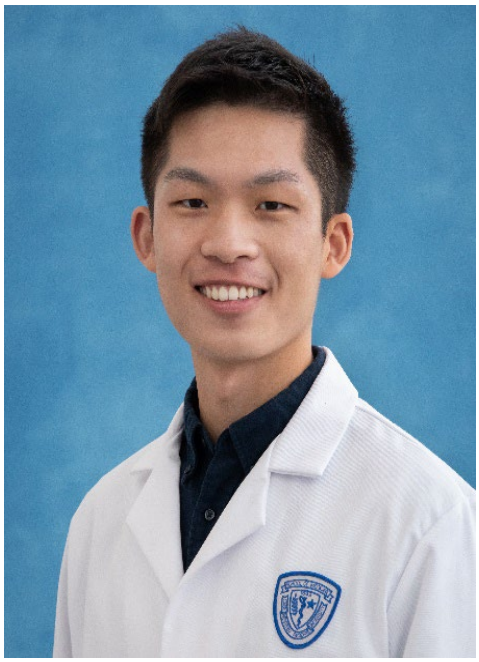
Research Topic: Mechanistic insights into impaired cognition resulting from cereblon deficiency

Undergrad: The Ohio State University



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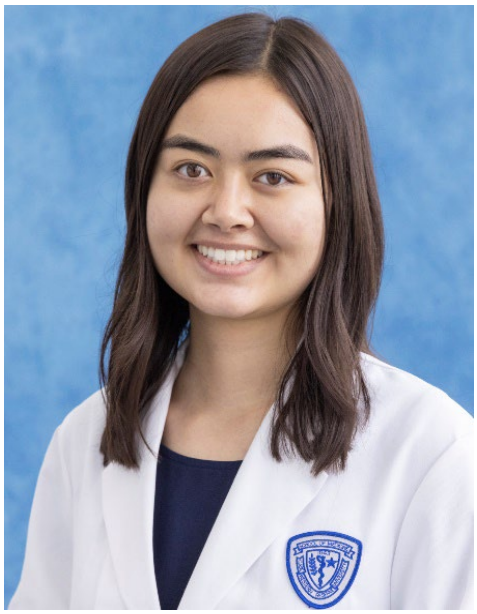
Research Topic: Electrical-activity dependent mechanisms underlie cell state plasticity in glioblastoma

Undergrad: Emory University



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Research Topic: Gas-core cationic nanobubbles for ultrasound-mediated gene therapy

Undergrad: Massachusetts Institute of Technology



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Research Topic: Identifying regulatory mechanisms of a GBM-specific immunosuppressive myeloid cell population

Undergrad: University of Pennsylvania



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Research Topic: Glial chemokine-like protein Orion is required for axonal clearance following Wallerian degeneration in adult paradigm

Undergrad: University of California – Irvine



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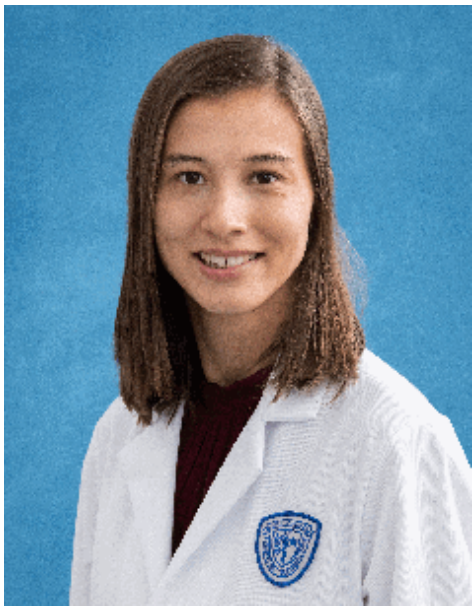
Research Topic: Multiomic insights into mechanisms of androgen receptor-driven radioresistance in triple-negative breast cancer

Undergrad: College of William & Mary



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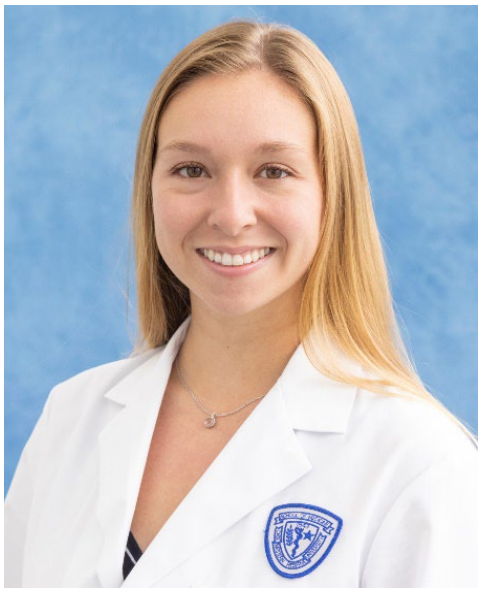
Research Topic: Drug-free reprogramming of the tumor microenvironment using therapeutic ultrasound and nanobubbles

Undergrad: University of California – Los Angeles



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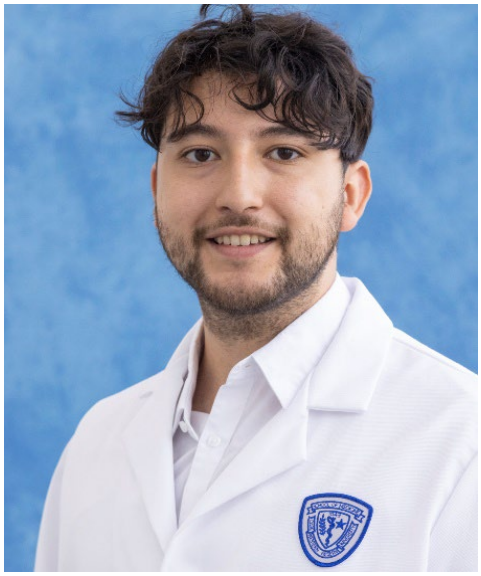
Research Topic: Investigating Trypsin 2 as a regulator of IFN-γ-dependent immune effector responses

Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University



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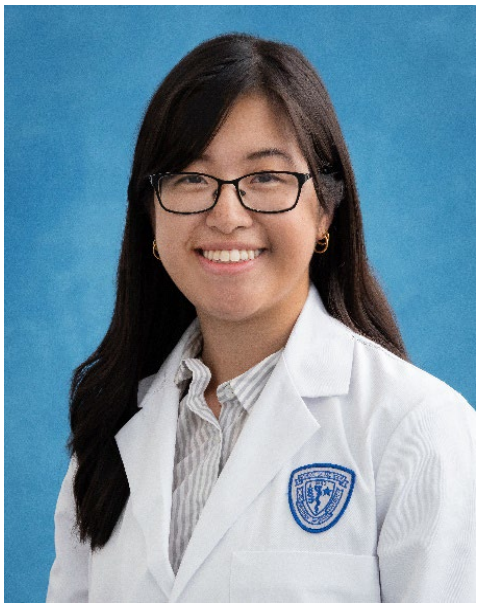
Research Topic: Nanobubble footprinting for predicting nanotherapeutic distribution and efficacy via molecular imaging

Undergrad: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



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Research Topic: Brain microenvironment of tau seeds in the absence of neurodegeneration pathology

Undergrad: Brown University



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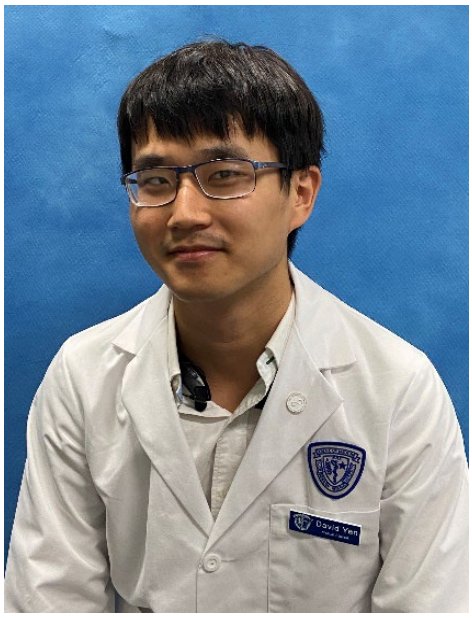
Research Topic: CDK5 disruption reprograms medulloblastoma and enhanced immunogenicity

Undergrad: Arizona State University



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Research Topic: Characterization of two separate classes of Exportin-1 targeting molecules to develop the next generation of anti-inflammatory therapies

Undergrad: Case Western Reserve University

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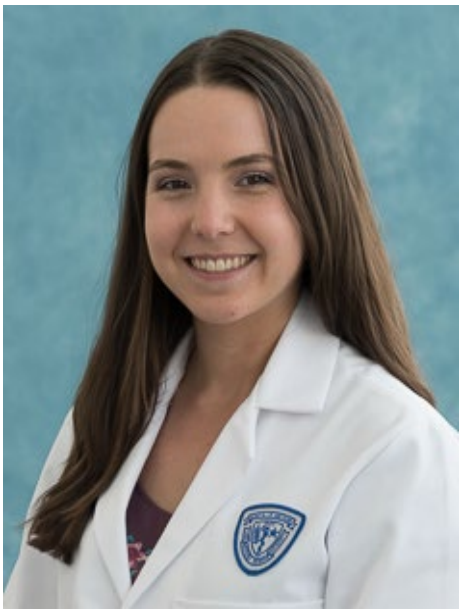

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Research Topic: Novel therapeutic targets and models for type 1 diabetes and diabetic complications

Undergrad: University of Pittsburgh



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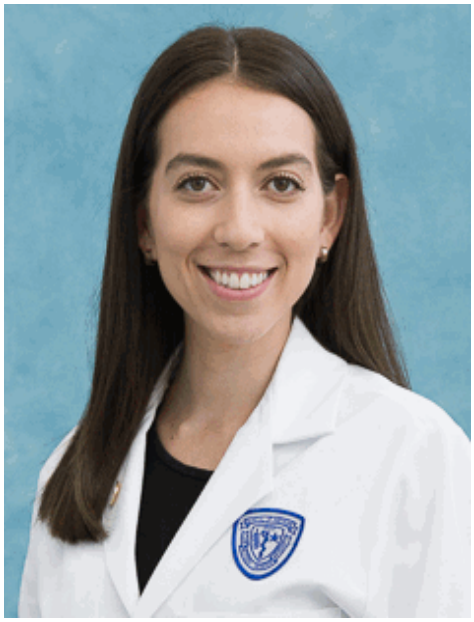
Research Topic: Structural and functional basis of 5HT3R modulation by antidepressants

Undergrad: Carleton College



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Research Topic: The influence of traumatic brain injury on the hematopoietic system

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Research Topic: Secretory iRGD-enhanced CAR-T therapy for solid tumors

Undergrad: Harvard University



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Research Topic: SMARCA5 inhibition for glioblastoma differentiation therapy

Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University



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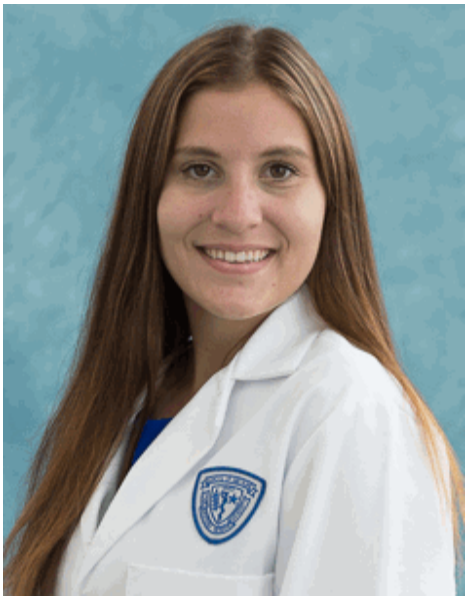
Research Topic: Developing custom engineered cardiac myosin binding protein C to treat diastolic dysfunction

Undergrad: University of California – Berkeley



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Research Topic: Investigating the role of B-cell activating factor in CAR-T cell-associated adverse events

Undergrad: Case Western Reserve University



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Research Topic: The role of dual TCR T cells in heterologous alloimmunity

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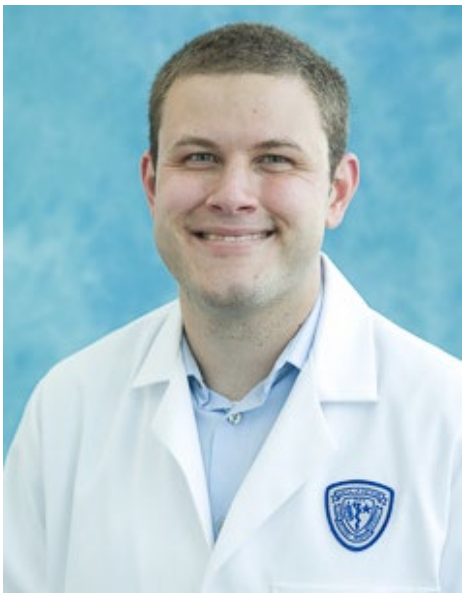
Research Topic: Carbohydrate malabsorption as a potential mechanism underlying selective IgA deficiency

Undergrad: University of Pittsburgh



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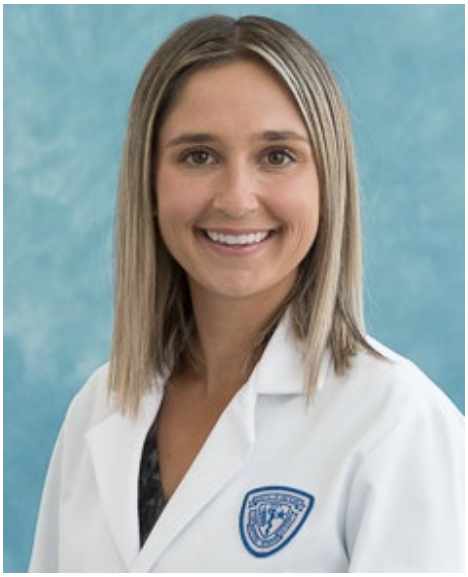
Research Topic: A forward genetic screen for regulators of experience-dependent glial pruning

Undergrad: Reed College



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Research Topic: Dynamic contrast enhanced - magnetic resonance fingerprinting (DCE-MRF): A new quantitative MRI method to reliably assess tumor vascular perfusion

Undergrad: Case Western Reserve University



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Research Topic: Deriving genomic signatures of cell-cell fusion in cancer and investigating the role of fusion in evolution of treatment resistance

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Research Topic: Elaboration of molecular glues that target TRIM21 into TRIMTACs that degrade protein aggregates

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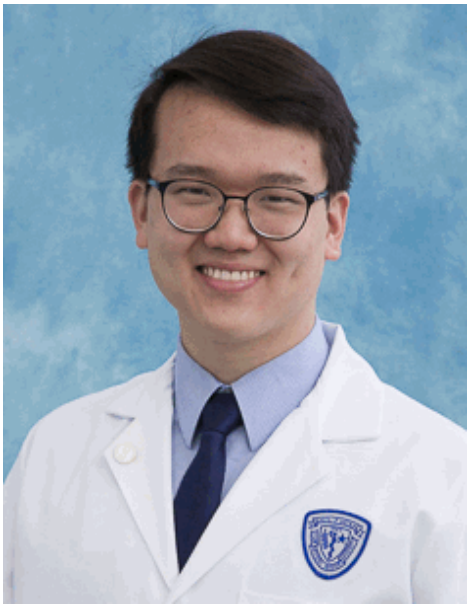
Research Topic: Teloanalyzer: A new approach to telomere sequence analysis

Undergrad: Oberlin College



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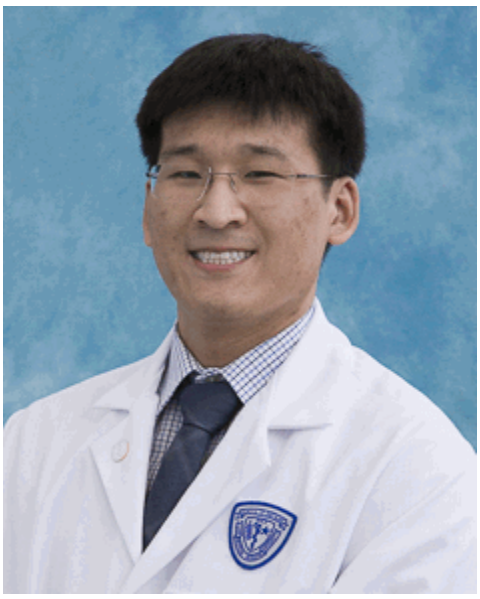
Research Topic: Engineering T cell immunity against key mutations in lung cancer

Undergrad: Yale University



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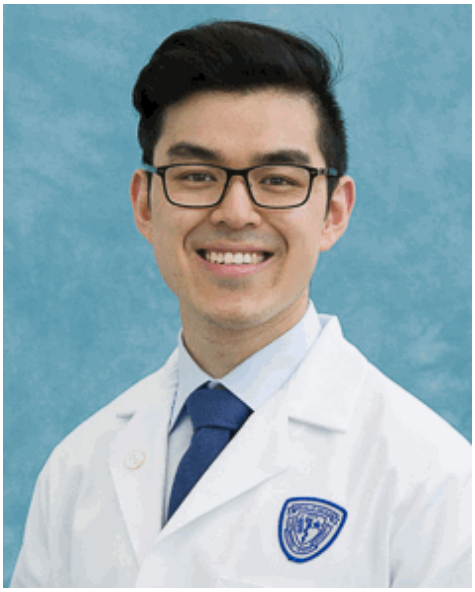
Research Topic: Development of cardiac matrix-derived particle delivery systems

Undergrad: University of Michigan



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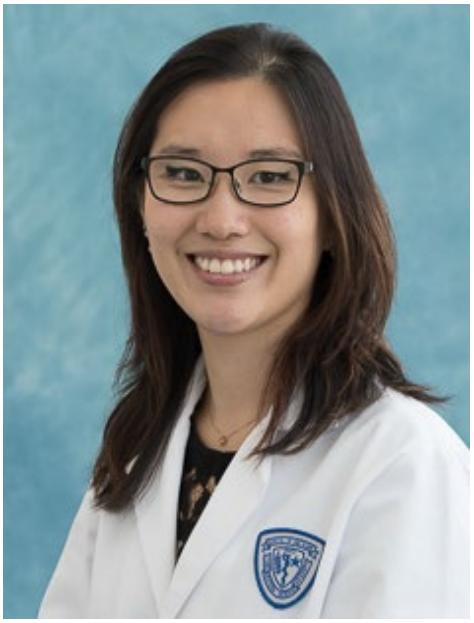
Research Topic: Pathological inflammation alters oligodendrocyte differentiation and function

Undergrad: University of Pennsylvania



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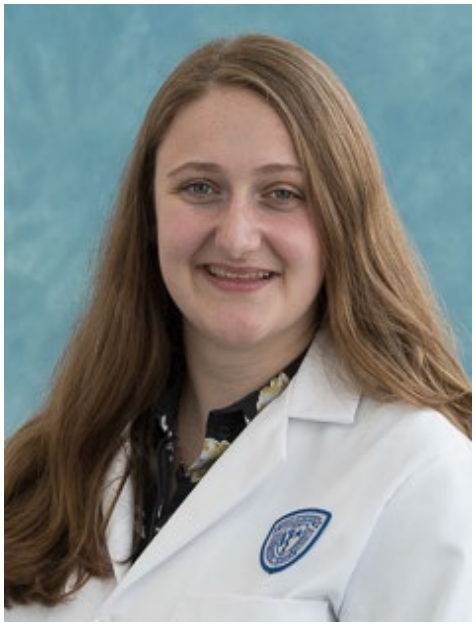
Research Topic: Investigating the basis of specificity in redox signaling

Undergrad: SUNY Stony Brook



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Research Topic: Lewy Body and Alzheimer's Disease mixed proteopathies demonstrate a unique profile of phosphor-synuclein and tau modification

Undergrad: Bryn Mawr College

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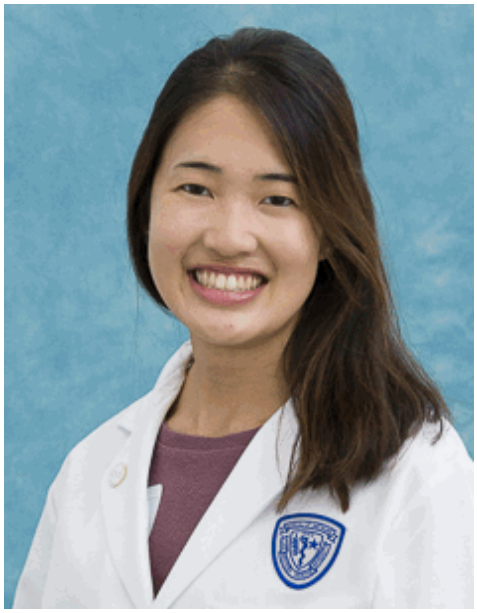
Research Topic: The role of asprosin in anxiety-like behavior

Undergrad: Washington University in St. Louis



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Research Topic: RUNX2 drives 3D epigenetic landscape of osteosarcoma

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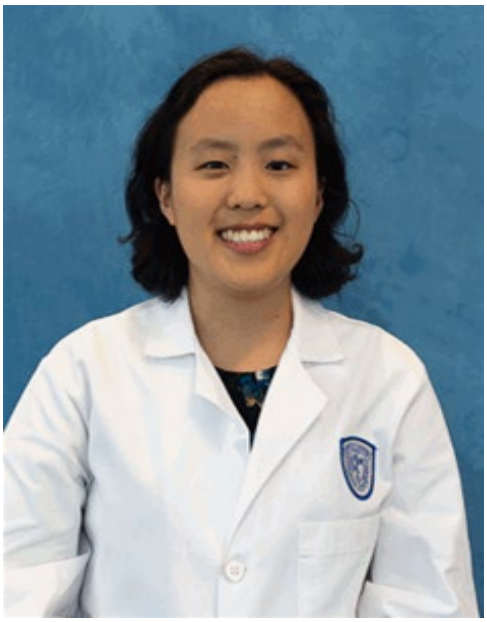

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Research Topic: Immunonanoparticles for simultaneous modulation of inflammation and lipids

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Research Topic: Tumor-driven microenvironmental reprogramming in brain metastases

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Research Topic: Enteric glia engage in tumor-promoting crosstalk with colorectal cancer

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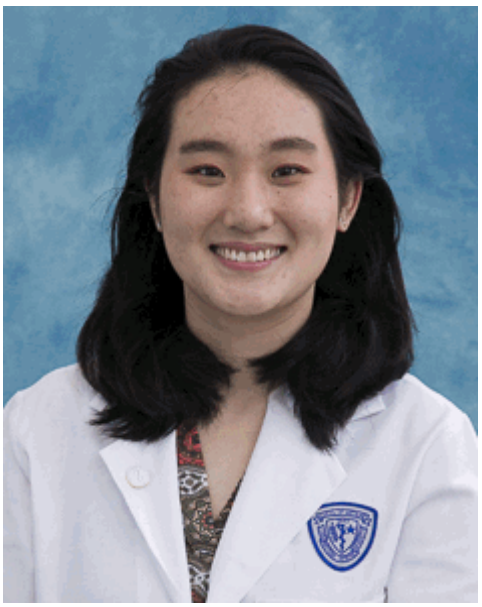
Research Topic: Fungal strain diversity governs host-microbe interactions of Debaryomyces hansenii

Undergrad: Vassar College



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Research Topic: Investigating mechanisms of cell death regulation in innate immunity

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Research Topic: Control of RNA metabolism by nitric oxide

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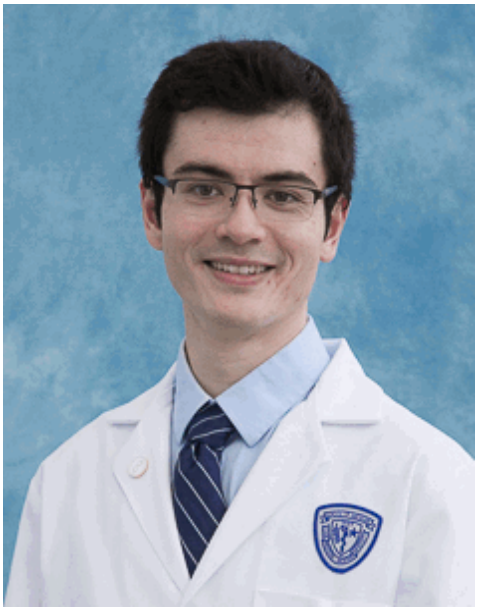

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Research Topic: Oncogenic receptor tyrosine kinase signaling is regulated by Golgi protein GOLPH3 and its interaction with MYO18A

Undergrad: Case Western Reserve University

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Research Topic: Pathological inflammation alters oligodendrocyte differentiation and function

Undergrad: Colorado College



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Research Topic: Piezo1 Deletion in CD11b+ Cells Has Context-Dependent Effects on the Anti-Tumor Response

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Research Topic: Characterizing the roles of race, ethnicity, ancestry, and APOE in late-onset Alzheimer's disease

Undergrad: The University of Texas at Dallas



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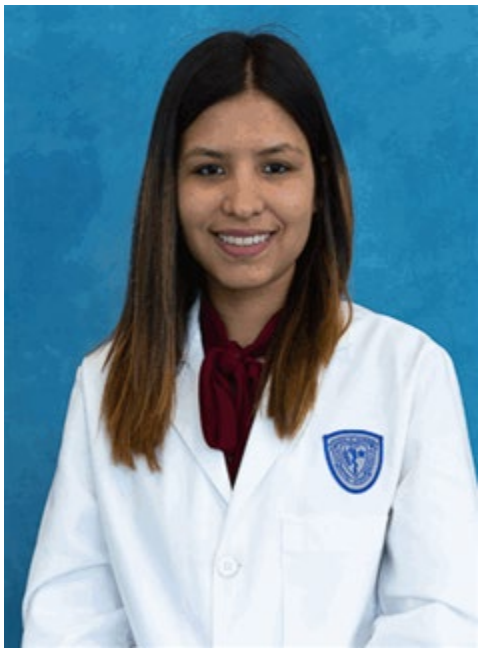
Undergrad: University of California – Berkeley



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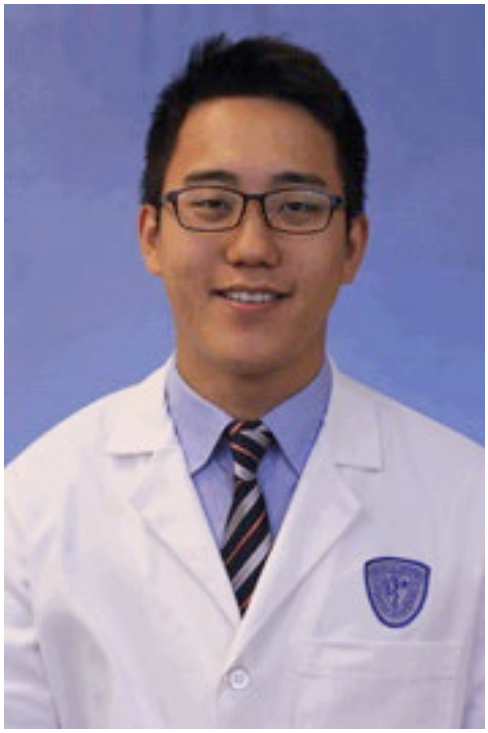
Research Topic: Elucidating the impact of genome integrity mechanisms in cancer progression and aggressiveness

Undergrad: University of Puerto Rico – Mayaguez



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Research Topic: Asprosin transactivation underlies obesity relapse and inheritance

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Research Topic: Early inflammatory events shaping allograft ischemia reperfusion injury

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Research Topic: Metabolism in health and disease: Uncovering physiologic and pathologic adaptations in the context of changing systemic energetic demands

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Research Topic: Artificial intelligence and decision analytics for venous thromboembolism prevention

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Research Topic: Beyond pyroptosis: Cellular consequences of inflammasome stimulation

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Research Topic: Microbiota drive immune checkpoint inhibitor toxicity

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Research Topic: Regulation of inflammation by a non-canonical activity of the ESCRT protein CHMP5

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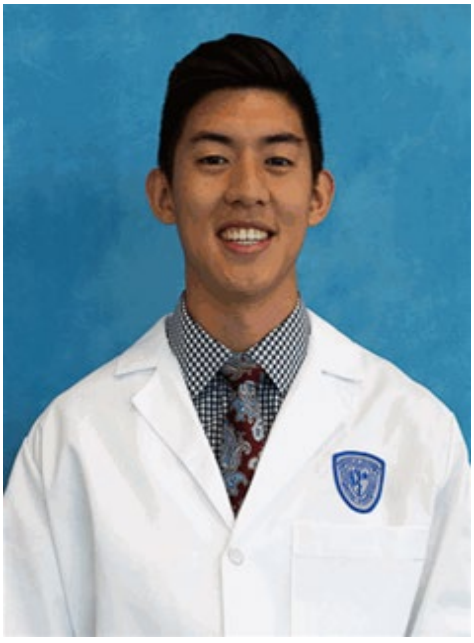
Research Topic: Microengineered systems for advancing hematological precision therapies

Undergrad: University of Nevada – Reno



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Research Topic: Investigating the circadian aspect of oligodendroglia biology

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Research Topic: Clinical translation of magnetic resonance fingerprinting for glioblastoma infiltration imaging

Undergrad: Johns Hopkins University