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**Degree Objective:** Ph.D. Endocrinology and Reproductive Physiology

**Background:** BS Biochemistry San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA MS Chemistry San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA

**Current Research Project:**

My work focuses on the pleiotropy effect on bone and vascular phenotype, including placenta vascular development in recombinant congenic mice, HcB 8 and HcB 23. Both strains of mice have different bone phenotype based on structure and its responses to mechanical loading. In addition, both also have different litter sizes and weight suggesting distinct vascular phenotype. The gene of interest is *ece1* which encodes for Endothelin Converting Enzyme 1 (ECE1) that is found in both bone and blood vessels. We suspect this gene may be responsible in regulating responses to mechanical loading.

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**Publications:**

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