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# RESEARCH ASSOCIATESHIP PROGRAM

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# **Annual Contract Technical Report**

Contract No. W81XWH-12-2-0018 Contract Period: 03/15/2012-02/28/2018 Report Period: 05/01/2016-04/30/2017 During the reporting period, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (the Academies) NRC conducted the following activities in support of the subject contract:

# **Outreach and Promotion**

The promotional schedule to advertise the NRC Research Associateship Programs included the following: 1) attendance at meetings of major scientific and engineering professional societies; 2) advertising in programs and career centers for these and other professional society meetings; 3) direct mailing and emailing of announcements and program materials to presidents, graduate deans, and heads of appropriate science and engineering departments and minority-affairs offices of all academic degree-granting institutions in the United States; 4) posting announcements on internet job sites, electronic newsletters and professional society websites; 5) print advertising in high profile publications (e.g., Science magazine, the Chronicle of Higher Education); and, 6) maintaining a presence on social media sites such as Facebook.

The Academies attended a number of minority focused events in which we maintained exhibit booths, participated in workshops and advertised in meeting literature, newsletters and websites or submitted materials for distribution. In addition, ads were placed in a variety of minority publications (e.g., Affirmative Action, Black Collegian).

In advertising the Research Opportunities available to prospective applicants, the Academies maintained an upto-date listing of all active Research Advisers, current Adviser contact information and details of each Research Opportunity.

# **Processing and Review of Applications**

Applications to the Research Associateship Programs were submitted via a web-based application system. Each application cycle opened two months prior to the application deadline. Academies staff provided support to prospective applicants including providing application instructions, technical support and additional information as requested.

A summary of applications for the reporting period is shown in Table 1.

For each applicant, the Academies received and processed an application form, a research proposal, transcripts, a statement of previous and current research, and confidential reference reports. An application file check was made prior to the review and each applicant was notified if required documents were missing.

The Academies convened panels in five broad discipline areas for the competitive review of applications in the NRC Research Associateship Programs. Results of the review were made available to Laboratory Program Representatives immediately following the conclusion of the each review.

A summary of the outcome of the review of applications for the reporting period is shown in Table 1.

### **Administration of Awards**

The Academies made awards to applicants based on sponsor authorization. A summary of awards authorized and the acceptance or declination by the applicant during the current reporting period is shown in Table 1.

For NRC Research Associates beginning or continuing tenure, the Academies provided the administrative functions described in the contract Statement of Work. These functions included stipend payments,

management of a major medical benefits insurance program, and reimbursement for relocation and travel to professional meetings.

A summary of NRC Research Associates on tenure during the reporting period is shown in Table 2.

# **Outcomes Reporting**

All NRC Research Associates who completed tenure were required to submit a final report that described the outcome of their Research Associateship award. Final reports received by the Academies during the current reporting period are attached to this technical report.

The activities of NRC Research Associates submitting final reports during this reporting period, including publications, presentations and patents, as well as an assessment of their experience in the program, are summarized in Table 3. Specific accomplishments of NRC Research Associates completing tenure during the reporting period are summarized in individual Final Reports (attached).

- **Table 1.** Summary of applications and awards
- **Table 2.** NRC Research Associates on tenure during the reporting period
- **Table 3.** Activities of NRC Research Associates who completed tenure during the reporting period

**Attachments:** NRC Research Associates Final Reports, including Research Accomplishments and Scholarly Productivity

# U.S. Army Medical Research & Materiel Command Table 1: Summary of applications and awards

|                            | May 2016 | Aug 2016 | Nov 2016 | Feb 2017 | Total |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------|
| TOTAL APPLICATIONS         | 6        | 3        | 4        | 4        | 17    |
| Applications not reviewed  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1     |
| Applications reviewed      | 6        | 3        | 4        | 3        | 16    |
| Not recommended            | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     |
| Recommended                | 6        | 3        | 4        | 3        | 16    |
| Withdrawn                  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     |
| Lab decision pending       | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1     |
| Awards offered             | 6        | 3        | 4        | 2        | 15    |
| Applicant decision pending | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 1     |
| Awards accepted            | 5        | 2        | 4        | 2        | 13    |
| Awards declined            | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1     |
| Not funded                 | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0     |

# Table 2: NRC Research Associates on tenure during the reporting period

| Associate                                | Adviser                     | Tenure Dates          | Final Report |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research |                             |                       | •            |
| Cheppudira, Bopaiah Pooviah              | Christy, Robert John        | 9/4/2012-9/3/2017     |              |
| Greene, Whitney Ann                      | Wang, Heuy-Ching H.         | 4/25/2012-7/24/2017   |              |
| Holt, Andrew Whyte                       | Wang, Heuy-Ching H.         | 2/13/2017-2/12/2018   |              |
| Karna, Sai Lakshmi Rajasekhar            | Leung, Kai P                | 4/1/2013-4/13/2017    | Received     |
| Nguyen, Jesse Quoc                       | Leung, Kai P                | 3/1/2017-2/28/2018    |              |
| Olekson, Melissa Ann                     | Leung, Kai P                | 9/2/2014-9/1/2016     | Received     |
| Parida, Bijaya Kumar                     | Dubick, Michael A.          | 3/19/2012-9/18/2016   | Received     |
| Penn, Alexander Hayes                    | Torres Filho, Ivo P         | 1/14/2015-5/14/2017   |              |
| Sosanya, Natasha                         | Christy, Robert John        | 4/20/2015-2/28/2018   |              |
| U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of  |                             |                       |              |
| Beske, Phillip Howard                    | McNutt, Patrick Michael     | 8/29/2013-5/16/2017   |              |
| U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of  |                             |                       |              |
| Bachert, Beth Alexandra                  | Bozue, Joel A               | 1/3/2017-1/2/2018     |              |
| Bixler, Sandra Lynn                      | Goff, Arthur James          | 8/18/2014-11/25/2016  | Received     |
| Coate, Eric Allan                        | Bozue, Joel A               | 12/30/2015-12/29/2017 |              |
| Cohen, Courtney Alicia                   | Glass, Pamela J             | 7/28/2014-7/31/2016   | Received     |
| DeLaine-Elias, BreOnna C.                | Palacios, Gustavo F         | 3/1/2017-2/28/2018    |              |
| Duy, Janice                              | Minogue, Timothy Devins     | 8/1/2013-7/31/2017    |              |
| Hollidge, Bradley Sherman                | Schmaljohn, Connie          | 5/2/2016-2/28/2018    |              |
| Huse, Valerie                            | Minogue, Timothy Devins     | 9/29/2014-7/29/2016   | Received     |
| Kohler, Lara Juliette                    | Cote, Christopher Kevin     | 1/17/2017-1/16/2018   |              |
| Krishnamurthy, Malathy                   | Panchal, Rekha G.           | 10/5/2015-10/4/2017   |              |
| Maxson, Tucker                           | Minogue, Timothy Devins     | 2/1/2017-1/31/2018    |              |
| Mielech, Anna Maria                      | Ulrich, Robert Glenn        | 2/2/2016-2/1/2018     |              |
| Ricks, Keersten Michelle                 | Schoepp, Randal J.          | 12/7/2015-12/6/2017   |              |
| Shoemaker, Charles Jason                 | Schmaljohn, Connie          | 2/3/2014-2/2/2017     | Received     |
| Smith, Jessica L                         | Ulrich, Robert Glenn        | 6/24/2013-2/28/2018   |              |
| Stefan, Christopher Patrick              | Minogue, Timothy Devins     | 1/2/2014-1/1/2018     |              |
| Stojadinovic, Marija                     | Panchal, Rekha G.           | 12/1/2014-11/30/2017  |              |
| Tursiella, Melissa Lynne                 | Schmaljohn, Connie          | 4/1/2014-1/31/2018    |              |
| Zeng, Xiankun                            | Sun, Mei Guo                | 5/4/2015-7/31/2016    | Received     |
| Walter Reed Army Institute of Researc    |                             |                       |              |
| Anderson, Margery Diane                  | Yourick, Debra Lynn         | 3/11/2014-2/28/2018   |              |
| Barasa, Sheila Ogoma                     | Mancuso, James D            | 5/5/2015-2/28/2018    |              |
| Brager, Allison J                        | Capaldi, Vincent F          | 7/18/2016-3/13/2017   | Received     |
| Crivat, Georgeta                         | Angov, Evelina              | 5/16/2016-11/15/2017  |              |
| DeDominicis, Kristen Elizabeth           | Boutte, Angela M            | 9/8/2015-3/31/2017    | Received     |
| Kobylinski, Kevin Conrad                 | Davidson, Silas Andrew      | 10/17/2011-4/16/2017  | Received     |
| Kuehn, Emily Denise                      | Yourick, Debra Lynn         | 11/14/2016-11/13/2017 |              |
| Linton, Yvonne-Marie                     | Clark, Jeffrey William      | 10/3/2011-10/2/2016   | Not Recv'd   |
| Margulieux, Katie Rose                   | Swierczewski, Brett         | 8/4/2016-8/3/2017     |              |
|  | Edward                      |                       |              |
| McCracken, Michael Kevin                 | Jarman, Richard George      | 3/9/2015-2/28/2018    |              |
| McDermott, Emily Gray                    | Garver, Lindsey<br>Susannah | 1/9/2017-1/8/2018     |              |
| Pollett, Simon                           | Jarman, Richard George      | 6/27/2016-6/26/2017   |              |
| Simonelli, Guido                         | Capaldi, Vincent F          | 10/6/2014-10/5/2017   |              |
| Tenenbaum, Laura Subbiah                 | Yourick, Debra Lynn         | 6/3/2013-6/2/2017     |              |
| Zarling, Stasya Nicole                   | Krzych, Urszula             | 2/7/2011-5/15/2016    | Received     |

# Table 3: Activities of NRC Research Associates who completed tenure during the reporting period

- 13 Associates ended tenure during the report period
- 35 months was the average tenure length
- 66 months was the longest
- 8 months was the shortest
- 12 submitted final reports

In the final reports, Associates indicated the following scholarly activity while on tenure.

- **62** Articles published in refereed journals
- 16 Articles other (Proceedings, Book Chapters, other)
- 41 Domestic presentations
- 15 International presentations
- 0 Patent applications
- 9 Awards

After ending their tenure, Associates indicated their future plans as follows:

- **0** Permanent position at the NRC host agency
- 8 Contract or temporary position at the NRC host agency
- 1 Research/administrative position with another U.S. government agency
- **0** Research/administrative position with foreign government agency
- 0 Research/teaching at US college/university
- **0** Research/teaching position at a foreign college or university
- **0** Research/administrative position in private industry in the U.S.
- **0** Research/administrative position in private industry outside of the U.S.
- 1 Research/administrative position with a non-profit
- 0 Self-employed/consulting
- 0 Postdoctoral Research
- 1 Other
- 1 No information provided

In their final reports, Associates were asked to evaluate certain aspects of their experiences on a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high). The average rating for each item follows:

- 9.8 Short-term value (lab)-Development of knowledge, skills, and research productivity at lab
- 9.7 Long-term value (career)-How your Research Associateship affected your career to date
- 9.7 Laboratory Support-Equipment, funding, orientation, safety & health training, etc.
- 9.4 Adviser Mentoring-Quality of mentoring from the Research Adviser
- 9.5 LPR Support-Quality of administrative support from the LPR
- 9.9 NRC Support-Quality of administrative support from the NRC

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# **Attachments**

Associates Final Reports, including Research Accomplishments and Scholarly Productivity, follow.

Final Report: Bixler, Sandra Lynn Submitted: 11/21/2016 12:09:37 PM

# NRC RESEARCH ASSOCIATESHIP PROGRAM ASSOICATE FINAL REPORT

Associate: Bixler, Sandra Lynn

Program: AMRMC - U.S. Army Medical Research & Materiel Command

U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases

US Army Medical Research Insti Infec Diseases

Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5011

Opportunity: B7689/Animal Modeling and Therapeutic Development for Category A Agents

Adviser: Goff, Arthur James

Research Proposal: Characterizing the Dynamics, Phenotype, and Functionality of Immune Responses to

Filovirus Infection

Tenure Dates: 08/18/2014-11/25/2016

#### RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

My postdoctoral research has focused on immune responses to filovirus infection using the nonhuman primate model. My research has identified a novel potential mechanism for the unusual pathology observed following vaccination and subsequent aerosol challenge with filoviruses. My work with the aerosol challenge model has also led to a focus on mucosal routes of exposure to filoviruses and the unique immune responses generated from these routes. I conducted several animal model studies aimed at developing a low-dose mucosal exposure model in primates that would more accurately reflect the filovirus disease course observed in humans. This included the development of two intranasal exposure models which are being implemented in the testing and evaluation of medical countermeasures.

### SCHOLARLY PRODUCTIVITY

### **ARTICLES - PEER REVIEWED**

Bixler, Sandra L; Bearss, Jeremy J.; Shamblin, Joshua D.; Wollen, Suzanne E.; Zelko, Justine M.; Botto, Miriam A; Johnston, Sara C.; O'Hearn, Aileen E.; Olschner, Scott P.; Grimes, Elizabeth C; Schoepp, Randall J; Goff, Arthur J, 2016, Subclinical Ebola Virus Makona infection in nonhuman primates,

Bixler, Sandra; Zeng, Xiankun; Raymond, Jo Lynne; Shamblin, Joshua D; Wollen, Suzanne E; Zelko, Justine M; Wilkinson, Eric R; Pitt, M. Louise M; Johnston, Sara C; Goff, Arthur J, 2016, No cleared for release yet,

Bixler, Sandra L; Goff, Arthur J., 2015, The Role of Cytokines and Chemokines in Filovirus Infection, Viruses, 7(10):5489-507

| ARTICLES - OTHER (PROCEEDINGS, BOOK CHAPTERS, OTHER) |
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| PRESENTATIONS - DOMESTIC                             |
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| PRESENTATIONS - INTERNATIONAL                        |
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# **NRC Research Associateship Programs**

# FINAL REPORT

| 1) Associate Last or Family Name |                            | First Name                              |                                    | M.I.                                |   |
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|                                  | AMRMC                      | USAMRIID                                |                                    | Virology                            |   |
|                                  | (e.g., AFRL)               | (e.g., Wright Patterson AFB)            |                                    | (e.g., High-Speed Propulsion)       |   |
| 5) Name                          | e of Laboratory Adviser (a | nd USMA Mentor, if applicable)          |                                    |                                     |   |
| Dr.                              | Pamela Glass               |   |                                    |                                     |   |

6) TITLE OF RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Determining the Correlates of Protection Following Alphavirus Infection in NHP

- 7) SUMMARY OF RESEARCH DURING TENURE Itemize significant findings in concise form, utilizing key concepts/words.
  - 1) The trivalent replicon particle vaccine induces a polyfunctional, memory T cell response against VEEV, EEEV and WEEV in mice
  - 2) Vaccine-induced T cell-specific epitopes within viral glycoproteins E1 and E2 were identified for VEEV, EEEV, and WEEV
  - 3) Vaccine-induced T cell-specific epitopes occur within regions of homology between heterologous viruses
  - 4) Subcutaneous vaccination results in vaccine-induced changes in the CNS.

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8) RESEARCH IN PROGRESS Describe in no more than 100 words.

Vaccine-induced T cell repsonses project is wrapping up, manuscript is in progress. Additional vaccine-induced responses will continue to be evaluated if collaboration continues. Upcoming NHP study will be utilized to provide a kinetic evaluation of immune cell infiltration in the brain following aerosol infection.

9) PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS RESULTING FROM NRC ASSOCIATESHIP RESEARCH

Provide complete citations: author(s), title, full name of journal, volume number, page number(s), and year of publication.

- a) Publications in peer-reviewed journals
- b) Books, book chapters, other publications
- c) Manuscripts in preparation, manuscripts submitted

Cohen, C.A., Prugar, L., Glass, P.M. Cell-mediated responses and T cell-specific epitopes to a replicon particle vaccine in mice. In preparation for Vaccine, December 2016.

10) PATENT OR COPYRIGHT APPLICATIONS RESULTING FROM NRC ASSOCIATESHIP RESEARCH Provide titles, inventors, and dates of applications.

| 11) PRESENTATIONS AT SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS OR CONFER Provide complete references: author(s), title, abstract/proceeding International  |  |
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| ASV Annual Meeting, London Ontario July 2015 (Oral Pro   | esentation)  |
| Domestic   |  |
| ASV Annual Meeting, Blacksburg VA. June 2016 (Oral Pr<br>AAI Annual Meeting, Seattle WA. May 2016 (Poster Presentation)<br>AAI Annual Meeting, New Orleans LA. (Poster Presentation)   | ntation)   |
| 12) SEMINARS OR LECTURES DELIVERED AT UNIVERSITIES   | S AND/OR INSTITUTES Include dates, names and locations of seminars   |
| 13) PROFESSIONAL AWARDS RECEIVED DURING TENURE   |  |
| ASV Travel Award, American Society for Virology Annual   | Meeting (\$500), 2015  |
| 14) POST-TENURE POSITION / JOB TITLE   |  |
| ORISE Fellow   |  |
| 15) NAME AND ADDRESS OF POST-TENURE POSITION / JOB ORGA  | NIZATION   |
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| 18) APPRAISAL OF NRC RESEARCH ASSOCIATESHIP PROGRAM On a scale of 1 – 10 (poor - excellent), please rate the following   | g:   |
| <ul> <li>SHORT TERM VALUE</li> <li>Development of knowledge, skills, and research producti</li> <li>Comments</li> </ul>  | vity   |
| LONG TERM VALUE  How the NRC Research Associateship award affected yo Comments   | ur career to date  |
| LAB SUPPORT  Quality of support from the Laboratoryequipment, fund  Comments   | ing, orientation, safety and health guidelines, etc.   |
| ADVISER/MENTOR SUPPORT  10 Quality of mentoring from the Laboratory Adviser (USM)  | A Mentor, if applicable)   |

### **Comments**

### LPR SUPPORT

Quality of administrative support from the Laboratory Program Representative (LPR) **Comments** 

# NRC RESEARCH ASSOCIATESHIP PROGRAMS SUPPORT

Quality of administrative support. Please assess the support you received from the Fellowships Office (e.g., moving company, insurance, Omega, payroll, Program Coordinator, travel, etc.)

**Comments** 

#### 18) PLEASE PROVIDE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT.

Due to the funding atmosphere at RIID and the length of the application process, it is common for the agreed-upon project to have evaporated by the time a postdoc is able to begin tenure. If this were communicated up front to the applicants, it may lessen frustrations.

### Please do NOT scan to PDF. Send the Final Report as MSWord document via e-mail to your Program Coordinator

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# **NRC Research Associateship Programs**

# FINAL REPORT

| 1) Associate Last or Family Name                             |                                    | First Name                                    |                                   | M.I. |
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| USAMRIID   | AMRMC, Fort Detrick                |   | Diagnostic Systems Division       | on   |
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| 5) Name of Laboratory Adviser (and I                         | USMA Mentor, if applicable)        |   |                                   |      |
| Dr. Timothy Minogue  |                                    |   |                                   |      |

6) TITLE OF RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Improvement of Viral Diagnostic Capabilities Through Evaluation of Sample Processing Methods

- 7) SUMMARY OF RESEARCH DURING TENURE Itemize significant findings in concise form, utilizing key concepts/words.
  - 1) Refined a Next Generation Sequencing Pipeline for single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs)
  - 2) Designed and evaluated a panel of sequence capture probes for virus identification in a multiplex format
  - 3) Managed the design and comprehensive testing of cell-based assays to measure in vitro cellular responses to infection

4)

5)

(USMA Davies Fellow: please add summary of teaching, including classes taught.)

8) RESEARCH IN PROGRESS Describe in no more than 100 words.

Our viral diagnostic capabilities rely on being able to recognize viral genetic variations. We need to have clear resolution on the single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) present in a viral population, or quasispecies. Unfortunately, adding to the complexity of RNA virus populations are biases or variants introduced by the handful of laboratory processes performed on the sample. Understanding the effects of different sample manipulations is imperative when extracting a consensus sequence for the design of diagnostic assays. My research focuses on evaluating sample processing methods and determining which are best for determining the true variants in a sample.

### 9) PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS RESULTING FROM NRC ASSOCIATESHIP RESEARCH

Provide complete citations: author(s), title, full name of journal, volume number, page number(s), and year of publication.

a) Publications in peer-reviewed journals

n/a

b) Books, book chapters, other publications

Kulesh DA, Stefan CP, Altamura L, Koehler JW, Huse VA, Minogue TD. (2015). Threat Characterization Consortium. Annual Report Prepared for The Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). December 2015.

c) Manuscripts in preparation, manuscripts submitted

Huse VA, Conrad T, Koehler JW, Graham A, Minogue TD. (2016) Improvement of Viral Diagnostic Capabilities Through Evaluation of Sample Processing Methods. In Preparation.

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|   | Identification and Phylogenetic Characterization of Chikungunya federation for Biological Research (NICBR), May 4; Fort Detrick  |
| 12) SEMINARS OR LECTURES DELIVERED AT UNIVERSITIES  | S AND/OR INSTITUTES Include dates, names and locations of seminars   |
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| n/a   |  |
| 14) POST-TENURE POSITION / JOB TITLE  |  |
| Staff Fellow Review Microbiologist  |  |
| 15) NAME AND ADDRESS OF POST-TENURE POSITION / JOB ORGA   | NIZATION   |
| Food and Drug Administration<br>10903 New Hampshire Ave.,<br>Silver Spring, MD 20993  |  |
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Comments

I believe that having this award helped me acquire a permanent government position.

### LAB SUPPORT

Quality of support from the Laboratory--equipment, funding, orientation, safety and health guidelines, etc.

Comments

Wonderful laboratory, have everything we need. Unfortunately, getting in equipment, software or computers takes between 3 months to a year.

# ADVISER/MENTOR SUPPORT

Quality of mentoring from the Laboratory Adviser (USMA Mentor, if applicable)

Comments

Wonderful mentor. Very supportive and open to new ideas regarding research.

### LPR SUPPORT

10 Quality of administrative support from the Laboratory Program Representative (LPR)

**Comments** 

Laboratory program representative was always responsive when we needed him.

### NRC RESEARCH ASSOCIATESHIP PROGRAMS SUPPORT

Quality of administrative support. Please assess the support you received from the Fellowships Office (e.g., moving company, insurance, Omega, payroll, Program Coordinator, travel, etc.)

**Comments** 

#### 18) PLEASE PROVIDE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT.

I previously worked for a non-profit and we had taxes taken out of our paychecks. Having this service would be extremely helpful and appreciated.

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# NRC RESEARCH ASSOCIATESHIP PROGRAM ASSOICATE FINAL REPORT

Associate: Shoemaker, Charles Jason

Program: AMRMC - U.S. Army Medical Research & Materiel Command

U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases

US Army Medical Research Insti Infec Diseases

Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5011

Opportunity: B3460/Molecular Virology and Vaccine Development

Adviser: Schmaljohn, Connie

Research Proposal: A Nucleic Acid Vaccine Approach for In Vivo Generation of Filovirus Virus-Like

**Particles** 

Tenure Dates: 02/03/2014-02/02/2017

#### RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The most important scientific contributions I have made to date have concerned Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever Virus (CCHFV)research. This has involved developing diagnostic tools for evaluating humoral responses in animals infected by CCHFV or vaccinated with CCHFV glycoprotein antigen. These studies have relied primarily on utilization of a CCHFV VLP system to act as both a BSL-2 surrogate in neutralization assays, as well as serving as a capture antigen in various immunoassays (e.g. ELISA).

### SCHOLARLY PRODUCTIVITY

### **ARTICLES - PEER REVIEWED**

Garrison, A., Shoemaker CJ, et al. (co-first author)., 2017, Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever virus DNA vaccine protects against lethal challenge in two mouse models. Manuscript in preparation.

Golden, J, Shoemaker CJ, et al. (second author)., 2017, Characterizing the role IFN-I plays in the control of Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever in mice. Manuscript in preparation.,

Altamura, L., Shoemaker CJ, et al. (second author)., 2017, Development of a CCHFV Glycoprotein DNA Vaccine. Manuscript in preparation..

Tran EE, Nelson EA, Bonagiri P, Simmons JA, Shoemaker CJ, Schmaljohn CS, Kobinger GP, Zeitlin L, Subramaniam S, White JM., 2016, Mapping of Ebolavirus Neutralization by Monoclonal Antibodies in the ZMapp Cocktail Using Cryo-Electron Tomography and Studies of Cellular Entry.

J Virol. 2016 Jun 8.pii: JVI.00406-16.

| ARTICLES - OTHER (PROCEEDINGS, BOOK CHAPTERS, OTHER) |
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| RESENTATIONS - DOMESTIC                              |
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| RESENTATIONS - INTERNATIONAL                         |
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| PATENTS  |
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| AWARDS   |

# **NRC Research Associateship Programs**

# FINAL REPORT

| 1) Associate Last or Family Name  |                            | First Name                               |           | M.I.                               |      |
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| 2) <i>FO</i>                      | RWARDING Address (to v     | which your tax statement will be mailed) | FORWARDIN | IG Phone(s) and E-Mail (if         |      |
| Residence or Institution USAMRIID |                            | known) Home Phone:<br>Alt. Phone:        |           |                                    |      |
| Street                            |                            | Preferred E-m                            | ail:      |                                    |      |
| City, S                           | State Zip                  |  |           |                                    |      |
| 3) Today's Date                   |                            | Dates of Tenure                          |           |                                    |      |
| July 28, 2016                     |                            | from May 4, 2015 to July 31, 2016        |           |                                    |      |
| 4)                                | Host Agency                | Laboratory or Center                     |           | Division / Directorate / Departmen | nt . |
|                                   | AMRMC                      | USAMRIID                                 |           | Pathology                          |      |
|                                   | (e.g., AFRL)               | (e.g., Wright Patterson AFB)             | )         | (e.g., High-Speed Propulsion)      |      |
| 5) Nar                            | me of Laboratory Adviser ( | and USMA Mentor, if applicable)          |           |                                    |      |
| D                                 | r. Mei Sun                 |  |           |                                    |      |

6) TITLE OF RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Correlative Special Stains under Light and Scanning Electron

- 7) SUMMARY OF RESEARCH DURING TENURE Itemize significant findings in concise form, utilizing key concepts/words.
  - 1) Developed motorized in situ hybridization (MISH) technology to detect infectious agents (ongoing)
  - 2) Developed a method to detect Ebola virus repliation by fluorescence in situ hybridization (manuscript in preparation)
  - 3) Identification of persistent Ebola infection in non-human primate (manuscript in preparation)

4)

5)

(USMA Davies Fellow: please add summary of teaching, including classes taught.)

8) RESEARCH IN PROGRESS Describe in no more than 100 words.

I have successfully developted Crispr/Cas9 mediated MISH method to detect DNA target in FFPE tissue. What I am going to do is to apply this method to detect emergent bacteria agents such as Burkholderia pseudomallei in cultured cells, blood, and FFPE tissue.

9) PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS RESULTING FROM NRC ASSOCIATESHIP RESEARCH

Provide complete citations: author(s), title, full name of journal, volume number, page number(s), and year of publication.

a) Publications in peer-reviewed journals

None

b) Books, book chapters, other publications

None

- c) Manuscripts in preparation, manuscripts submitted
  - 1. Zeng X\*, Schellhase C, Blancett C, Honnold S, Sun M. 2016 Detection of Ebola virus replication by fluorescence in situ hybridization (in preparation, \* correspondence).
  - 2. Zeng X\*, Blancett C, Koistinen K, Schellhase C, Bearss J, Chance T, Honnold S, Sun M. 2016. Persistent Ebola infection in non-human primate (in preparation, \* correspondence)
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| 14) POST-TENURE POSITION / JOB TITLE  Molecular Scientist  |         |
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**Comments** 

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Quality of administrative support from the Laboratory Program Representative (LPR)

Comments

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