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Fiscal Year 2002 Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia Program

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Introduction

The US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command is pleased to present the award list of funded projects for the fiscal year 2002 (FY02) Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia Research Program. Award negotiations were completed by June 16, 2003. The awards listed in this document were selected by a competitive two-tier review process. Funding decisions were based on scientific excellence evaluated in the first tier of review, followed by programmatic relevance judged in the second tier. These projects represent a diverse portfolio of scientific research directed toward the program's overall goal of improving (1) the understanding of the basic science of chronic myelogenous leukemia, (2) the diagnosis of chronic myelogenous leukemia, (3) the treatment of chronic myelogenous leukemia, and (4) the quality of life for individuals living with chronic myelogenous leukemia and their families.

Congressional direction for FY02 specified \$5 million for chronic myelogenous leukemia research. Following the receipt of funds, a programmatic strategy was developed, proposals were solicited and evaluated, award recommendations were made, and contract negotiations were completed. The Investigator-Initiated Award was developed in response to the FY02 programmatic strategy. The intent of this award mechanism is to sponsor basic and clinically oriented research in the field of chronic myelogenous leukemia. The program encouraged the submission of innovative, high-risk studies that explore novel ideas and contain little or no preliminary data. The program initially funded 6 of 48 Investigator-Initiated Award submissions. An additional four proposals were funded with FY03 congressionally directed funding.

As the funded scientists embark on these projects, the Department of Defense and the US Army gratefully acknowledge the participation of their scientific advisors, people living with chronic myelogenous leukemia, and the chronic myelogenous leukemia advocacy community. The expertise, vision, and diversity of perspectives of all individuals who contributed to this program were vital to developing a sound investment strategy on behalf of all persons living with chronic myelogenous leukemia. It is with great anticipation and excitement that we await the outcomes of this research.

Investigator-Initiated Awards

| Log Number | PI Last Name | PI First Name | Institution | Proposal Title | Final Budget |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|--|---|-----------------|
| CM020006 | Zhang | Dong-Er | The Scripps Research Institute | Protein ISG15 Modification in the Development and the Treatment of Chronic Myeloid Leukemia | \$750,000 |
| CM020008 | Platanias | Leonidas | Northwestern University | Map Kinase Pathways as Therapeutic Targets in Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia | \$750,000 |
| CM020016 | Ilaria, Jr. | Robert | University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center | Novel Targeted Approaches for de Novo and STI571 (Imatinib)-Resistant Bcr/Abl-Induced Leukemia | \$732,888 |
| CM020021 | Jordan | Craig | University of Rochester | Targeted Ablation of CML Stem Cells | \$748,915 |
| CM020024 | Grant | Steven | Virginia Commonwealth University | Histone Deacetylase Inhibitor-Based Strategies for Imatinib-Resistant CML | \$748,632 |
| CM020027 | Issa | Jean-Pierre | University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center | Epigenetic Silencing and Resistance to Imatinib Mesylate in CML | \$750,000 |
| CM020031 | Katsanis | Emmanuel | The University of Arizona | Chaperone Rich Cell Lysate (CRCL) Vaccine for Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia | \$264,515 |
| CM020044 | Perrotti | Danilo | Ohio State University | Effect of BCR/ABL Oncoprotein on mRNA Translation: Possible Mechanisms Responsible for CML Disease Progression | \$750,000 |
| CM020049 | Shlomchik | Warren | Yale University School of Medicine | Mechanisms of Graft-vs-Leukemia Against a Novel Murine Model of Blast Crisis Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia | \$749,991 |
| CM020058 | Shannon | Kevin | University of California, San Francisco | Role of the SHP2 Phosphatase in Myeloid Growth Control and Chronic Myeloid Leukemia | \$185,421 |

FY02 Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia Research Program Peer Reviewers

| Peer Reviewer | Degree | Institution/Affiliation | |
|--------------------|-------------|---|--|
| Barry, Michael | Ph.D. | Baylor College of Medicine | |
| Bhatia, Ravi | M.D. | City of Hope National Medical Center | |
| Bouhassira, Eric | Ph.D. | Albert Einstein College of Medicine | |
| Cranmer, David | | The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society | |
| Gabrilove, Janice | M.D. | The Mount Sinai Medical Center | |
| George, Donna | Ph.D. | University of Pennsylvania | |
| Gillies, Robert | Ph.D. | University of Arizona | |
| Goins, William | Ph.D. | University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine | |
| Harris, Kimberly | | The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society | |
| Helman, Sandy | Ph.D. | Scientific Review Administrator | |
| Hunger, Stephen | M.D. | University of Florida College of Medicine | |
| Jhanwar, Suresh | Ph.D. | Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center | |
| Kurzrock, Razelle | M.D. | University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center | |
| Mauro, Michael | M.D. | Oregon Health and Science University | |
| Melnick, Ari | M.D. | Albert Einstein College of Medicine | |
| Molldrem, Jeffrey | M.D. | University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center | |
| Ness, Scott | Ph.D. | University of New Mexico Health Science Center | |
| Ren, Ruibao | M.D., Ph.D | Brandeis University | |
| Rowe, John | | The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society | |
| Sawyers, Charles | M.D. | University of California Los Angeles | |
| Van Etten, Richard | M.D., Ph.D. | The Center for Blood Research | |

Fiscal Year 2002 Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia Research Program Integration Panel (IP) Members

| IP Members | Degree | Institution/Affiliation |
|------------------|-----------|--|
| Gewirtz, Alan | M.D. | University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine |
| Kinniburgh, Alan | Ph.D. | The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society |
| Lee, Stephanie | M.D., MPH | Dana-Farber Cancer Institute |
| McCullough, Rose | Ph.D. | US Agency for International Development |
| Roberts, Thomas | Ph.D. | University of Chicago |
| Schwartz, Anna | Ph.D. | University of Washington |
| Talpaz, Moshe | M.D. | University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center |

Fiscal Year 2002 Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia Research Program Ad Hoc Programmatic Reviewer

| Ad Hoc Reviewer | Degree | Institution/Affiliation |
|-----------------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| Broxmeyer, Hal | Ph.D. | Indiana University School of Medicine |

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Investigator-Initiated Research Award: The intent of Investigator-Initiated Research Award is to sponsor basic and clinically oriented research in the field of chronic myelogenous leukemia. These grants are intended to fund independent investigators across a broad spectrum of disciplines. Investigators are encouraged to submit proposals with novel ideas or approaches in promising areas that may not be developed enough to compete for traditional funding. The Fiscal Year 2002 Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia Research Program encourages investigators to submit proposals that address the molecular and genetic changes underlying chronic myelogenous leukemia disease progression, the identification of therapeutic targets in drug-resistant cells, and the understanding of immune system involvement in the control of chronic myelogenous leukemia.