

First Quarter Progress Report Montana Research Initiative: One Medicine

1. Hirings:

Research Technicians: 4.0 FTE
Postdoctoral Scholars: 2.5 FTE
Research Scientists: 1.0 FTE
Undergraduate Students: 3
Graduate Students: 2

2. Equipment Purchased:

None

3. Progress Towards Milestones:

Grants Awarded:

- NIH R21AI119772. Title: Development of a novel, safe and efficacious Coxiella burnetii vaccine. Total costs: \$396,000. PI: Agnieszka Rynda-Apple, Co-PI: Mark Jutila
- NIH R21 AI117441. Title: Role of type I IFN and human TLR4 in Coxiella burnetii pathogenesis. Total costs: \$396,000. Funding pending (score of 20 with pay line up to 25). PI: Mark Jutila.
- \$50,000 was awarded in September by the NIAID/NIH Center of Biomedical Research Excellence for Zoonotic Infection. This pilot project funding provides supplemental support for Dr. Jodi Hedges collaboration with Mark Jutila's Project of the One Medicine Grant.
- \$30,000 was awarded in September by the NIAID/NIH Center of Biomedical Research Excellence for Zoonotic Infection. This pilot project funding provides supplemental support for Agnieszka Rynda-Apple's collaboration with Mark Jutila's Project of the One Medicine Grant.
- Plowright PI: Wildlife disease risk analyses. US Geological Survey (USGS) \$59,991 Total Award Period Cover
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- \$50,000 was awarded in September by the NIAID/NIH Center of Biomedical Research Excellence for Zoonotic Infection. This pilot project funding provides supplemental support for Raina Plowright's Project of the One Medicine Grant.
- \$50,000 was awarded in September by the NIAID/NIH Center of Biomedical Research Excellence for Zoonotic Infection. This pilot project funding provides supplemental support for Matt Taylor's Project of the One Medicine Grant.
- \$50,000 was awarded in September by the NIAID/NIH Center of Biomedical Research Excellence for Zoonotic Infection. This pilot project funding provides supplemental support for Diane Bimczok's Project of the One Medicine Grant.

Total Funding Received: \$1,111,991

Grants Submitted:

- Voyich PI: NIH R01 Role of the Staphylococcus aureus SaeR/S Regulatory System in Neutrophil Evasion \$1,821,360.
- Voyich Co-PI: NIH E01 Regulation of Streptococcus pyogenes virulence by ADP-ribosyltransferase SpyA \$180,000.
- Weidenheft PI: Burroughs Wellcome Fund - Investigators in the Pathogenesis of Infectious Disease (\$500,000)
 - National Institutes of Health – NRSA postdoctoral fellowship
 - Cancer Research Institute – postdoctoral fellowship
 - National Science Foundation- postdoctoral fellowship
- Plowright: NSF (coupled Human Natural Systems; \$1,750,000)
- Plowright: Transmission or within-host dynamics driving pulses of zoonotic viruses in reservoir-host populations Searle Scholars Program (\$300,000)
- Meissner: NIH R01 Type I IFNs and regulation of local and systemic immune responses to Pneumocystis lung infection, \$1,750,000
- June PI: NIH R21 Non-invasive quantification of cartilage health using a novel bioluminescent reporter mouse \$396,000.

Working with Industry:

- Importantly, the three main PIs of the One Medicine proposal (Voyich, Jutila, and Quinn) are working with Totem Biosciences to generate data and projects appropriate for SBIR and STTR grants. We anticipating submitting these types of grant proposals within the next two quarters of funding.
- PI Quinn established a collaboration with a small Montana pharmaceutical company, SAJE Pharma, LLC from Kalispell, MT. SAJE has been developing novel inhibitors of S-nitrosoglutathione reductase (GSNOR) as anti-inflammatory treatments. Dr. Quinn will be testing these compounds in models of rheumatoid arthritis.

Expanding Research Capabilities

- Provided funding for establishing a new research program on the role of the intestinal epithelium in infectious disease in Fall, 2015.

Disseminating Knowledge Gained from the State Funded Initiative:

- Several papers are in progress that will credit the Montana State Research Initiative for funding.

4. Total expenditures in first quarter of funding: \$78,230.48