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14. ABSTRACT

We discovered an Achilles' heel of unrelated viruses: a requirement for AP2-associated protein kinase 1 (AAK1) and cyclin G-associated kinase (GAK), host kinases that regulate clathrin adaptor proteins-mediated pathways. Our data point to AAK1 and GAK as "master regulators" of viral infection and attractive targets for broad-spectrum antivirals. We discovered that approved anticancer drugs that target these kinases; sunitinib and erlotinib, potently inhibit replication of multiple viruses *in vitro* and reduce mortality in mice infected with DENV and EBOV. This approach is now being advanced to the clinic for both of these indications. Nevertheless, while sunitinib and erlotinib are quite potent inhibitors of AAK1 or GAK, respectively, they are not selective and are therefore associated with toxicity resulting from inhibition of other host cell kinases. The goals of this proposal are to: optimize novel, chemically distinct, selective lead AAK1 and GAK inhibitors targeting validated virus-host interactions and already demonstrating great promise against DENV, and advance their development to a near-IND stage. This approach would also protect against biothreat agents from eight viral families, including EBOV and CHIKV.

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1. INTRODUCTION: *Narrative that briefly (one paragraph) describes the subject, purpose and scope of the research.*

The Dye lab will be responsible for the *in vitro* and *in vivo* testing of selective AAK1 and GAK inhibitors against filoviruses and alphaviruses. Our efforts will provide the efficacy data for the selective AAK1 and GAK inhibitors in cell culture and rodent models of authentic filovirus and alphavirus infection.

2. KEYWORDS: *Provide a brief list of keywords (limit to 20 words).*

Broad-spectrum, anti-viral, filovirus, Ebola virus, Marburg virus, alphavirus, chikungunya virus, mouse model

3. ACCOMPLISHMENTS: *The PI is reminded that the recipient organization is required to obtain prior written approval from the awarding agency grants official whenever there are significant changes in the project or its direction.*

What were the major goals of the project?

List the major goals of the project as stated in the approved SOW. If the application listed milestones/target dates for important activities or phases of the project, identify these dates and show actual completion dates or the percentage of completion.

Our overall goal is to develop broad spectrum antiviral drugs with a high genetic barrier to resistance by targeting host proteins that are critical to the life cycle of multiple viruses. The major goals of the Dye lab:

1. Evaluate novel inhibitors rapidly for efficacy against multiple viruses; 2. Use efficacy and viability data gathered to feed into the compound optimization process; 3. Use our *in vitro* assays to assist in ranking compounds for preclinical studies; and 4. Demonstrate efficacy with no toxicity of lead compound(s) in rodent models of filovirus and alphavirus disease.

What was accomplished under these goals?

For this reporting period describe: 1) major activities; 2) specific objectives; 3) significant results or key outcomes, including major findings, developments, or conclusions (both positive and negative); and/or 4) other achievements. Include a discussion of stated goals not met. Description shall include pertinent data and graphs in sufficient detail to explain any significant results achieved. A succinct description of the methodology used shall be provided. As the project progresses to completion, the emphasis in reporting in this section should shift from reporting activities to reporting accomplishments.

This year, USAMRIID examined three candidate inhibitors, one against Ebola virus (EBOV), and two against chikungunya virus (CHIKV). For viability assessment, compounds were applied to cells at a range of doses, and a commercially available kit was used to measure ATP content as a marker of viability in uninfected cells. Briefly, cells were pretreated with inhibitor for 1 hour (EBOV) or 48 hours (CHIKV), incubated with virus for one hour without inhibitor present, washed, and then media containing inhibitor was added back to cells for the remainder of the experiment. Compounds/doses that do not decrease viability below 70% that of vehicle are considered inhibitory without toxicity (data not shown). Briefly, cells were pretreated with inhibitor for 1 hour, incubated with virus at a multiplicity of infection (MOI) of 0.1 (EBOV) or 1.0 (EBOV and CHIKV) for one hour without inhibitor present, washed, and then media containing inhibitor or vehicle only was added back to cells for the remainder of the experiment. At indicated time points, plates were fixed and removed from the suite, and virus infection was measured by immunofluorescence using a benchtop high content imaging system.

Inhibitor RMC76 previously demonstrated inhibition against EBOV in Huh-7 cells. These results were confirmed in both Huh-7 cells, and expanded to Vero E6 cells. The dilution range of the compound was extended in order to titrate compound activity. RMC76 demonstrated activity against EBOV infection at a range of doses (10uM, 5um, 2.5uM, 1.25uM, 0.625uM, 0.313uM), MOIs (0.1 and 1.0), and time points (48h and 96h), in both cell types (Figure 1, Appendix A). At the highest concentration of 10uM both Huh-7 and Vero E6 cells demonstrated near complete inhibition of EBOV following treatment with RMC76 at 48 hours (MOI=1.0) and 96 hours (MOI=0.1). Compound activity remained more effective at lower concentrations in Vero E6 cells as comparted to Huh-7 cell over both time points and MOIs. This data demonstrates the high potency of RMC76 to inhibit EBOV infection *in vitro*, with compound activity having yet to be completely titrated.

Two compounds, Azaindole and (5Z)-7-z-oxozeaenol, were tested *in vitro* against CHIKV in Vero E6 cells.

Three doses of each compound were evaluated: 10uM, 5uM, 2.5uM. The compound (5Z)-7-z-oxozeaenol, previously determined in FY18 to have protective capacity against EBOV, was highly inhibitory to CHIKV. At the highest concentration of 10uM, near complete inhibition of CHIKV was observed following treatment with (5Z)-7-z-oxozeaenol at 48 hours (MOI=1.0) Greater than 50% inhibition was observed at the lowest evaluated dose of 2.5uM (Figure 2, Appendix A). In contrast, Azaindole demonstrate no protective activity against infection with CHIKV (data not shown).

What opportunities for training and professional development has the project provided?
If the project was not intended to provide training and professional development opportunities or there is nothing significant to report during this reporting period, state "Nothing to Report."

Describe opportunities for training and professional development provided to anyone who worked on the project or anyone who was involved in the activities supported by the project. "Training" activities are those in which individuals with advanced professional skills and experience assist others in attaining greater proficiency. Training activities may include, for example, courses or one-on-one work with a mentor. "Professional development" activities result in increased knowledge or skill in one's area of expertise and may include workshops, conferences, seminars, study groups, and individual study. Include participation in conferences, workshops, and seminars not listed under major activities.

Nothing to report.

How were the results disseminated to communities of interest?
If there is nothing significant to report during this reporting period, state "Nothing to Report."
Describe how the results were disseminated to communities of interest. Include any outreach activities that were undertaken to reach members of communities who are not usually aware of these project activities, for the purpose of enhancing public understanding and increasing interest in learning and careers in science, technology, and the humanities.

This work contributed to in the following publication in 2019 (see below).

What do you plan to do during the next reporting period to accomplish the goals?
If this is the final report, state "Nothing to Report."

Describe briefly what you plan to do during the next reporting period to accomplish the goals and objectives.

During the next year, we will continue to evaluate candidates *in vitro*. We will extend the dose range of (5Z)-7-z-oxozeaenol in order to titrate compound activity against CHIKV. We will continue to confirm lead hits and test modifications of lead candidates *in vitro* and will begin evaluating the efficacy of lead candidates in rodent models of infection.

4. IMPACT: *Describe distinctive contributions, major accomplishments, innovations, successes, or any change in practice or behavior that has come about as a result of the project relative to:*

What was the impact on the development of the principal discipline(s) of the project?
If there is nothing significant to report during this reporting period, state "Nothing to Report."

Describe how findings, results, techniques that were developed or extended, or other products from the project made an impact or are likely to make an impact on the base of knowledge, theory, and research in the principal disciplinary field(s) of the project. Summarize using language that an intelligent lay audience can understand (Scientific American style).

Nothing to report.

What was the impact on other disciplines?
If there is nothing significant to report during this reporting period, state "Nothing to Report."

Describe how the findings, results, or techniques that were developed or improved, or other products from the project made an impact or are likely to make an impact on other disciplines.

Nothing to report.

What was the impact on technology transfer?
If there is nothing significant to report during this reporting period, state "Nothing to Report."

Describe ways in which the project made an impact, or is likely to make an impact, on commercial technology or public use, including:

- *transfer of results to entities in government or industry;*
- *instances where the research has led to the initiation of a start-up company; or*
- *adoption of new practices.*

Nothing to report.

What was the impact on society beyond science and technology?
If there is nothing significant to report during this reporting period, state "Nothing to Report."

Describe how results from the project made an impact, or are likely to make an impact, beyond the bounds of science, engineering, and the academic world on areas such as:

- *improving public knowledge, attitudes, skills, and abilities;*
- *changing behavior, practices, decision making, policies (including regulatory policies), or social actions; or*
- *improving social, economic, civic, or environmental conditions.*

Nothing to report.

5. CHANGES/PROBLEMS: *The PD/PI is reminded that the recipient organization is required to obtain prior written approval from the awarding agency grants official whenever there are significant changes in the project or its direction. If not previously reported in writing, provide the following additional information or state, "Nothing to Report," if applicable:*

Changes in approach and reasons for change
Describe any changes in approach during the reporting period and reasons for these changes. Remember that significant changes in objectives and scope require prior approval of the agency.

Nothing to report.

Actual or anticipated problems or delays and actions or plans to resolve them
Describe problems or delays encountered during the reporting period and actions or plans to resolve them.

Due to the shutdown of containment labs at USAMRIID (beginning in May 2018; BSL-3 labs opened October 2018 on a limited basis; BSL-4 labs opened February 2019 on a limited basis; BSL-3 and BSL-4 closures resumed July 2019 and are ongoing; estimated date of BSL-3 and BSL-4 opening is early 2020), our efficacy evaluation of compounds *in vitro* was limited, and no *in vivo* efficacy work was initiated. We will be ready evaluate compounds at BSL-3 and BSL-4 as soon as containment is labs are reopened.

Changes that had a significant impact on expenditures
Describe changes during the reporting period that may have had a significant impact on expenditures, for example, delays in hiring staff or favorable developments that enable meeting objectives at less cost than anticipated.

Nothing to report.

Significant changes in use or care of human subjects, vertebrate animals, biohazards, and/or select agents
Describe significant deviations, unexpected outcomes, or changes in approved protocols for the use or care of human subjects, vertebrate animals, biohazards, and/or select agents during the reporting period. If required, were these changes approved by the applicable institution committee (or equivalent) and reported to the agency? Also specify the applicable Institutional Review Board/Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee approval dates.

Significant changes in use or care of human subjects

N/A

Significant changes in use or care of vertebrate animals

Nothing to report.

Significant changes in use of biohazards and/or select agents

Nothing to report.

6. PRODUCTS: *List any products resulting from the project during the reporting period. If there is nothing to report under a particular item, state "Nothing to Report."*

- **Publications, conference papers, and presentations**

Report only the major publication(s) resulting from the work under this award.

Journal publications. *List peer-reviewed articles or papers appearing in scientific, technical, or professional journals. Identify for each publication: Author(s); title; journal; volume: year; page numbers; status of publication (published; accepted, awaiting publication; submitted, under review; other); acknowledgement of federal support (yes/no).*

Synthesis and Structure-Activity Relations of 3,5-Distributed-pyrrolo[2,3-b]pyridines as Inhibitors of Adaptor-Associated Kinase 1 with Antiviral Activity. Verdonck S, Pu SY, Sorrell FJ, Elkins JM, Froeyen M, Gao LJ, Prugar LI, Dorosky DE, Brannan JM, Barouch-Bentov R, Knapp S, Dye JM, Herdewijn P, Einav S, De Jonghe S. J Med Chem. 2019 Jun 27

Books or other non-periodical, one-time publications. *Report any book, monograph, dissertation, abstract, or the like published as or in a separate publication, rather than a periodical or series. Include any significant publication in the proceedings of a one-time conference or in the report of a one-time study, commission, or the like. Identify for each one-time publication: author(s); title; editor; title of collection, if applicable; bibliographic information; year; type of publication (e.g., book, thesis or dissertation); status of publication (published; accepted, awaiting publication; submitted, under review; other); acknowledgement of federal support (yes/no).*

Nothing to report.

Other publications, conference papers and presentations. *Identify any other publications, conference papers and/or presentations not reported above. Specify the status of the publication as noted above. List presentations made during the last year (international, national, local societies, military meetings, etc.). Use an asterisk (*) if presentation produced a manuscript.*

Nothing to report.

- **Website(s) or other Internet site(s)**

List the URL for any Internet site(s) that disseminates the results of the research activities. A short description of each site should be provided. It is not necessary to include the publications already specified above in this section.

Nothing to report.

- **Technologies or techniques**

Identify technologies or techniques that resulted from the research activities. Describe the technologies or techniques were shared.

Nothing to report.

- **Inventions, patent applications, and/or licenses**

Identify inventions, patent applications with date, and/or licenses that have resulted from the research. Submission of this information as part of an interim research performance progress report is not a substitute for any other invention reporting required under the terms and conditions of an award.

Nothing to report.

- **Other Products**

Identify any other reportable outcomes that were developed under this project. Reportable outcomes are defined as a research result that is or relates to a product, scientific advance, or research tool that makes a meaningful contribution toward the understanding, prevention, diagnosis, prognosis, treatment and /or rehabilitation of a disease, injury or condition, or to improve the quality of life. Examples include:

- *data or databases;*
- *physical collections;*
- *audio or video products;*
- *software;*
- *models;*
- *educational aids or curricula;*
- *instruments or equipment;*
- *research material (e.g., Germplasm; cell lines, DNA probes, animal models);*
- *clinical interventions;*
- *new business creation; and*
- *other.*

Nothing to report.

7. PARTICIPANTS & OTHER COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS

What individuals have worked on the project?

Provide the following information for: (1) PDs/PIs; and (2) each person who has worked at least one person month per year on the project during the reporting period, regardless of the source of compensation (a person month equals approximately 160 hours of effort). If information is unchanged from a previous submission, provide the name only and indicate "no change".

Example:

Name: *Mary Smith*
Project Role: *Graduate Student*
Researcher Identifier (e.g. ORCID ID): *1234567*
Nearest person month worked: *5*

Contribution to Project: *Ms. Smith has performed work in the area of combined error-control and constrained coding.*
Funding Support: *The Ford Foundation (Complete only if the funding support is provided from other than this award.)*

Name:	Dr. Jennifer Brannan
Project Role:	Senior Research Scientist
Nearest person month worked:	3
Name:	Dr. Courtney Cohen
Project Role:	Senior Research Scientist
Nearest person month worked:	2
Name:	Kandis Cogliano
Project Role:	Project Manger
Nearest person month worked:	2

Has there been a change in the active other support of the PD/PI(s) or senior/key personnel since the last reporting period?
If there is nothing significant to report during this reporting period, state "Nothing to Report."

If the active support has changed for the PD/PI(s) or senior/key personnel, then describe what the change has been. Changes may occur, for example, if a previously active grant has closed and/or if a previously pending grant is now active. Annotate this information so it is clear what has changed from the previous submission. Submission of other support information is not necessary for pending changes or for changes in the level of effort for active support reported previously. The awarding agency may require prior written approval if a change in active other support significantly impacts the effort on the project that is the subject of the project report.

Title:	Assessment of the Immune Mediated Protection and Pathology Conferred by Candidate Filovirus Vaccines
POP:	10/01/2015-09/30/2018
Change in Support:	Previously active, but now closed.
Title:	Continuation of Development of Alternative Vaccine Platforms and Vaccine Immunogens
POP:	10/01/2015-09/30/2018
Change in Support:	Previously active, but now closed.
Title:	Characterization of Immune Response to Filovirus Infections
POP:	10/01/2015-09/30/2018
Change in Support:	Previously active, but now closed.
Title:	Protein Therapeutics for HFVs CETR
POP:	04/01/2014-03/29/2019
Change in Support:	Previously active, but now closed.
Title:	Advanced Preclinical Development and Production of Master Seed Virus of GEO-LM01, a Novel MVA-VLP Vaccine Against Lassa Fever
POP:	10/01/2018 – 09/30/2020
Change in Support:	Previously pending, but now active.
Title:	Computational Epitope Design for Protective Vaccines
POP:	02/01/2019 – 01/31/2022
Change in Support:	Previously pending, but now active.
Title:	Prometheus: A Platform for Rapid Development of Human Antibody-based Therapeutics and Prophylactics against Emerging Viral Threats
POP:	02/14/2019 – 01/31/2024
Change in Support:	Previously pending, but now active.

What other organizations were involved as partners?
If there is nothing significant to report during this reporting period, state "Nothing to Report."

Describe partner organizations – academic institutions, other nonprofits, industrial or commercial firms, state or local governments, schools or school systems, or other organizations (foreign or domestic) – that were

involved with the project. Partner organizations may have provided financial or in-kind support, supplied facilities or equipment, collaborated in the research, exchanged personnel, or otherwise contributed.

Provide the following information for each partnership:
Organization Name:
Location of Organization: (if foreign location list country)
Partner's contribution to the project (identify one or more)

- *Financial support;*
- *In-kind support (e.g., partner makes software, computers, equipment, etc., available to project staff);*
- *Facilities (e.g., project staff use the partner's facilities for project activities);*
- *Collaboration (e.g., partner's staff work with project staff on the project);*
- *Personnel exchanges (e.g., project staff and/or partner's staff use each other's facilities, work at each other's site); and*
- *Other.*

Organization Name:	Geneva Foundation
Location of Organization:	Tacoma, WA
Partner's contribution to project:	Administrative Support
Organization Name:	Stanford University
Location of Organization:	Stanford, CA
Partner's contribution to project:	Collaboration

8. SPECIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

COLLABORATIVE AWARDS: *For collaborative awards, independent reports are required from BOTH the Initiating Principal Investigator (PI) and the Collaborating/Partnering PI. A duplicative report is acceptable; however, tasks shall be clearly marked with the responsible PI and research site. A report shall be submitted to* ***https://ers.amedd.army.mil*** *for each unique award.*

QUAD CHARTS: *If applicable, the Quad Chart (available on https://www.usamraa.army.mil) should be updated and submitted with attachments.*

9. APPENDICES: *Attach all appendices that contain information that supplements, clarifies or supports the text. Examples include original copies of journal articles, reprints of manuscripts and abstracts, a curriculum vitae, patent applications, study questionnaires, and surveys, etc.*

APPENDIX A

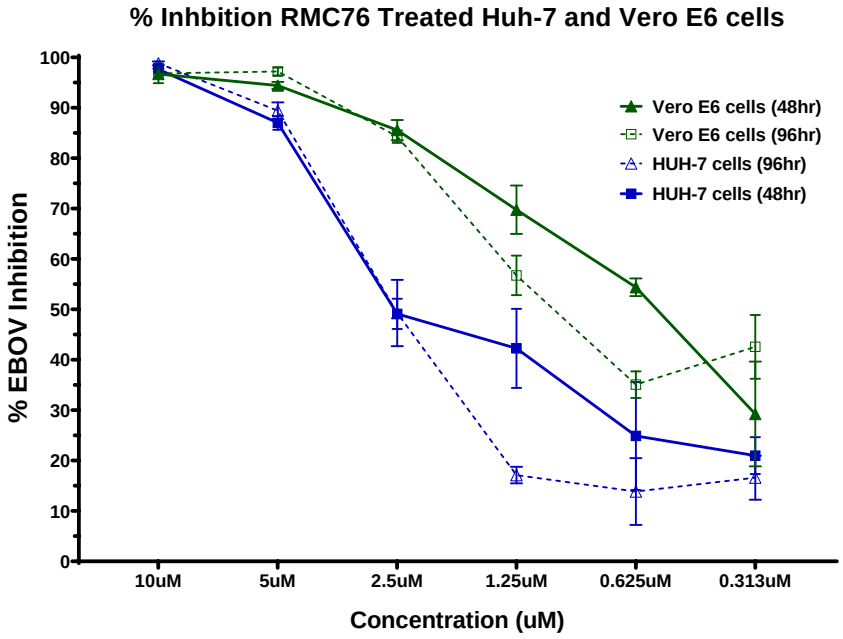

Figure 1: RMC76 inhibits EBOV infection in Huh-7 and Vero E6 cells. Percent viral inhibition, normalized to control, is reported for EBOV infected Huh-7 (blue) and Vero E6 (green) cells in the presence of inhibitor after 48 (solid) and 96 hours (dash).

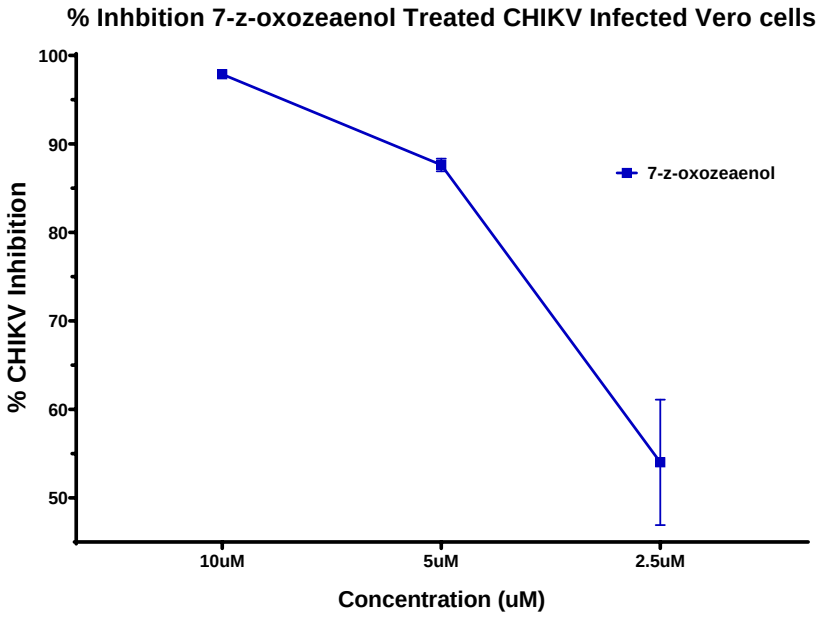

Figure 2: (5Z)-7-z-oxozeaenol inhibits CHIKV infection in Vero E6 cells. Percent viral inhibition, normalized to control, is reported for CHIKV infected Vero E6 cells in the presence of inhibitor after 48 hours.