



Broad-spectrum Host-directed Therapeutics: CD45 Inhibitor as Antiviral

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Tonix Awarded \$34M Contract from DTRA/DoD



U.S. Department of Defense

DTRA contract is expected to advance development of Tonix's broad-spectrum oral antiviral program (TNX-4200) for medical countermeasures

- Other Transaction Agreement (OTA) with a potential for up to **\$34 million over five years**

Objective: Develop an orally available small molecule that reduces CD45 enzymatic activity, with broad-spectrum protection against a range of viral families through the completion of Phase 1 clinical evaluation



DoD Moves Beyond “One Drug, One Bug” Approach^{1,2}

- The US Department of Defense (DoD) is moving beyond the traditional “one drug, one bug” approach to antivirals, and embracing the “one drug, multiple bugs” approach to protect against viral illness in warfighters
- The Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) is a division of the DoD that supports research to protect the warfighter
 - DoD/DTRA collaborate with commercial partners to translate fundamental discoveries into products

¹Vergun, D. DOD News. January 10, 2023. DoD aims to shield warfighters from novel biological agents. <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3261095/dod-aims-to-shield-warfighters-from-novel-biological-agents>

²US Department of Defense, Chemical and Biological Defense Program, “Approach for Research, Development and Acquisition of Medical Countermeasure and Test Products, Dec. 2022. <https://media.defense.gov/2023/Jan/10/2003142624/-1/-1/0/APPROACH-RDA-MCM-TEST-PRODUCTS.PDF>

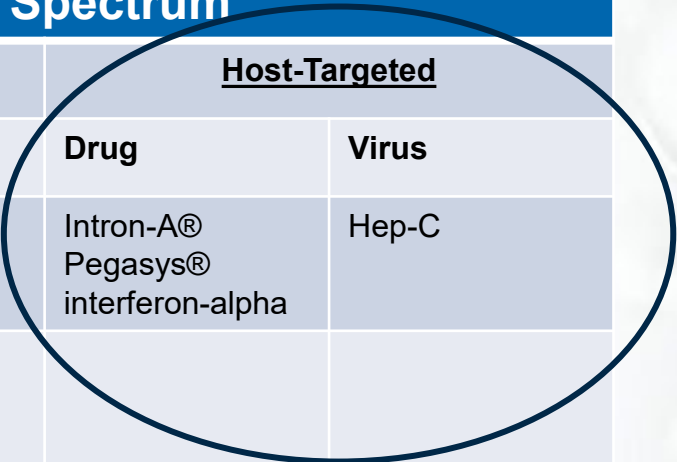
Broad-spectrum Host Directed Antiviral Drug Development vs Virus-specific Approaches



Conventional Approach

“One drug, one bug”

Single Virus Family		Broad Spectrum			
Virus-Targeted ²		Virus-Targeted		Host-Targeted	
Drug	Virus	Drug	Virus	Drug	Virus
Biktarvy® tenofovir/ emtricitabine	HIV	Veklury® Remdesivir	COVID SARS-CoV-2	Intron-A® Pegasys® interferon-alpha	Hep-C
Sovaldi® Sofosbuvir	Hep-C	Paxlovid® nirmatrelvir /ritonavir	COVID SARS-CoV-2		
Valtrex® Valacyclovir	Herpes simplex and varicella	Ribavirin	Hep-C, RSV		
Arestvy® Tecovirimat	Smallpox	Tembexa® brincidofovir	Smallpox		
Tamiflu® oseltamivir	Influenza				

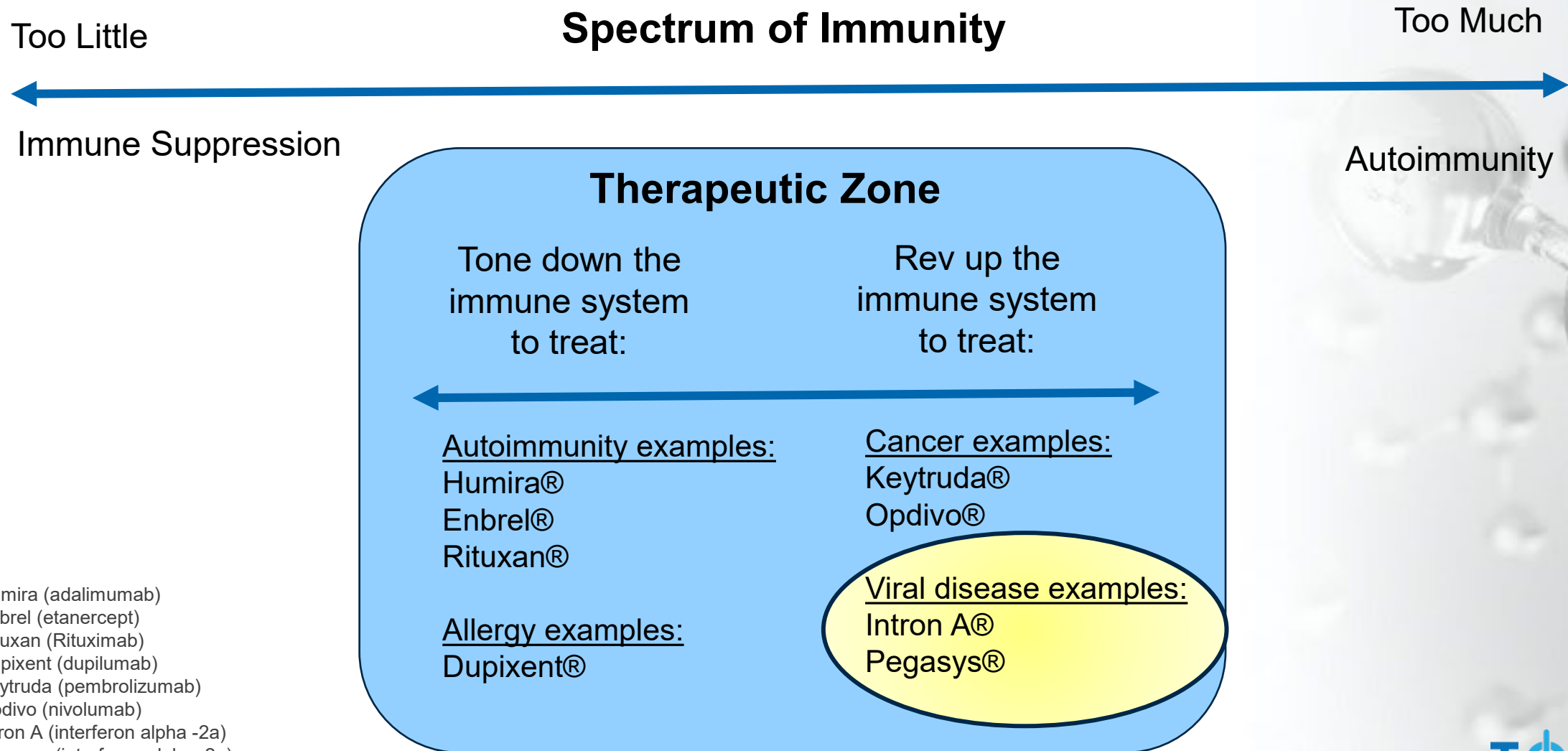


Host-targeted broad-spectrum antivirals is a new and emerging category

¹Bekerman E, and Einav, S. *Science*. 2015 348(6232):282-3. doi: 10.1126/science.aaa3778.
²Examples: not a complete list

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Enhancing Viral Immunity Has the Potential to Protect Against Viral Diseases



Humira (adalimumab)
Enbrel (etanercept)
Rituxan (Rituximab)
Dupixent (dupilumab)
Keytruda (pembrolizumab)
Opdivo (nivolumab)
Intron A (interferon alpha -2a)
Pegasys (interferon alpha -2a)



Enhancing Viral Immunity by Inhibiting CD45 Phosphatase

- CD45 is a transmembrane protein tyrosine phosphatase (PTPase) expressed on most hematopoietic cells, including T lymphocytes
- CD45 regulates receptor signaling pathways, particularly T cell activation
 - It dephosphorylates the negative regulatory tyrosine kinases (e.g., *lck* and *src*)
- Decreased levels of CD45 enhance antiviral¹ and antibacterial immunity in animals²
- Oral small-molecule inhibitors of CD45 have the potential to enhance antiviral immunity³⁻⁵

Goal: Develop an orally available small molecule that reduces CD45 enzymatic activity

CD45 modulating host-directed antivirals would be an entirely new class of medicines

¹Panchal RG, et al., *Cell Host Microbe*. 2009 6(2):162-73. doi: 10.1016/j.chom.2009.07.003. PMID: 19683682.

²Panchal RG, et al. *J Biol Chem*. 2009 284(19):12874-85. doi: 10.1074/jbc.M809633200

³Miski M, et al. *Bioorg Med Chem Lett*. 1995 5(14):1519-22. doi: 10.1016/0960-894X(95)00250-W.

⁴Hamaguchi T, et al. *Bioorg Med Chem Lett*. 2000 10(23):2657-60. doi: 10.1016/S0960-894X(00)00539-4. PMID: 11128645.

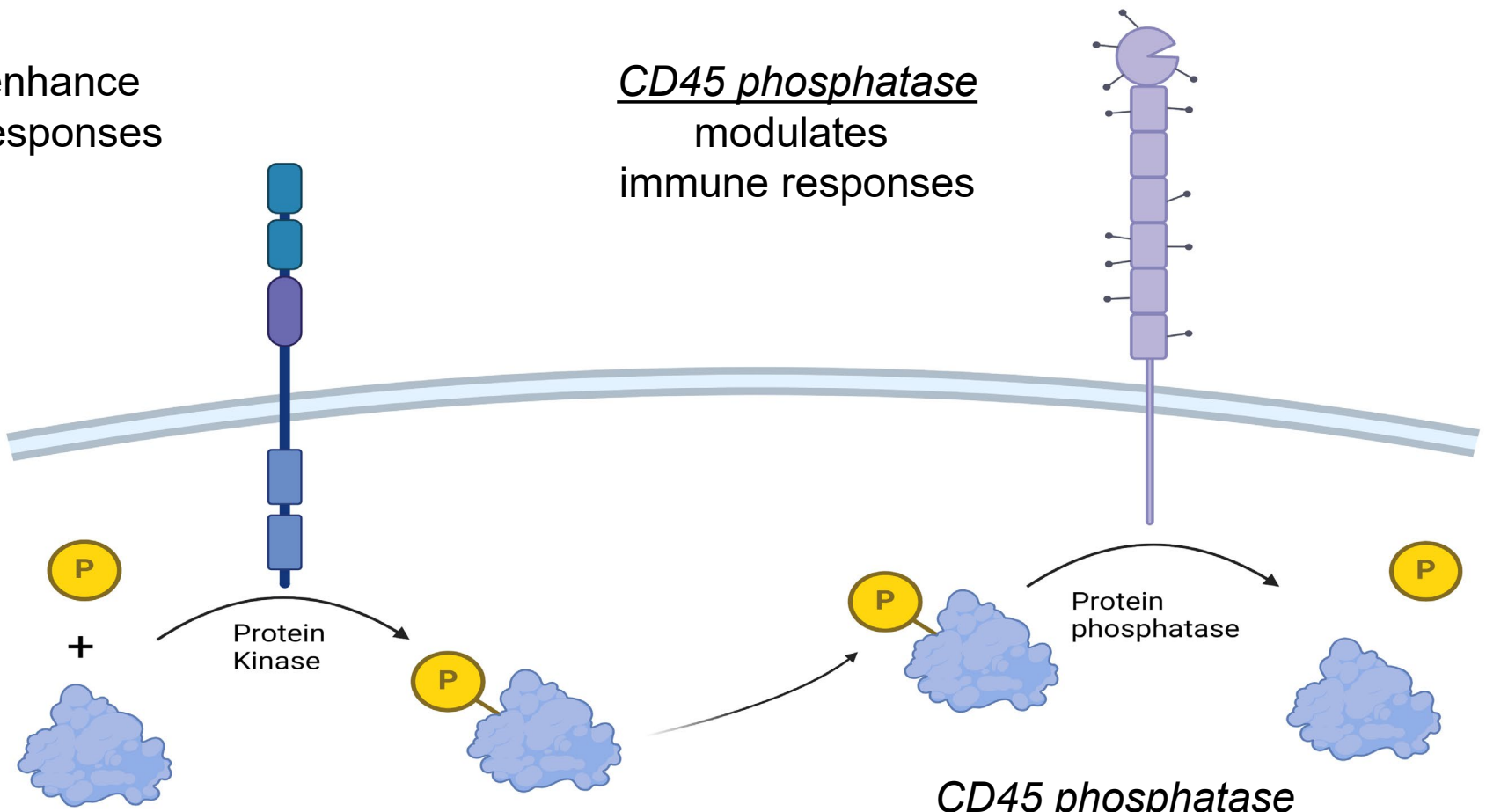
⁵Carr G, et al. *Methods*. 2014. 65(2):229-38, doi: 10.1016/j.ymeth.2013.09.007.



Kinases Enhance and Phosphatases Modulate Immune Responses

Kinases enhance immune responses

CD45 phosphatase modulates immune responses

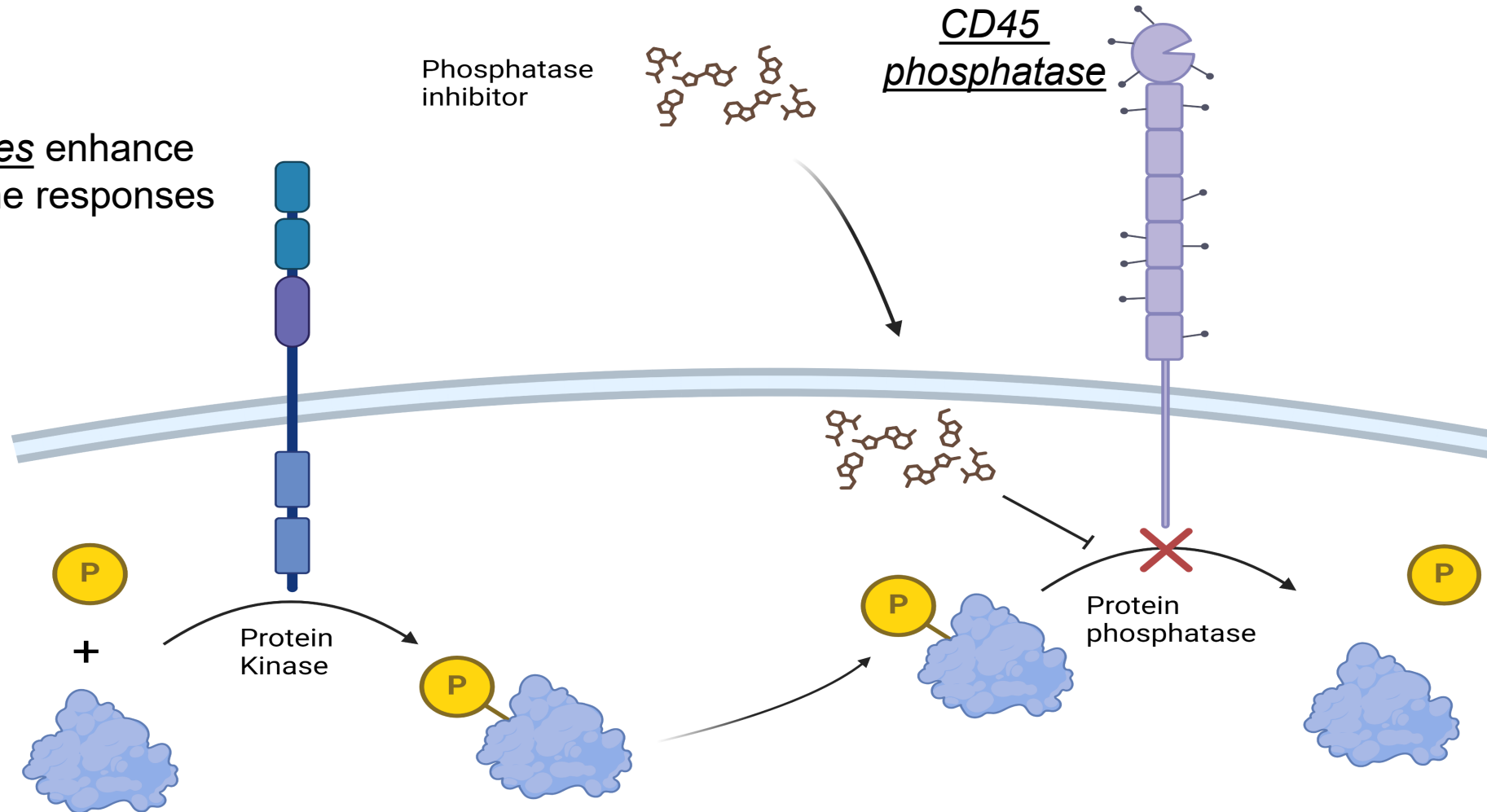


Kinases add phosphate "P" to signaling molecules

CD45 phosphatase removes phosphate "P" From signaling molecules

Phosphatase Inhibitors Decrease Enzymatic Activity of CD45 and Potentially Enhance Viral Immunity

Kinases enhance immune responses





TNX-4200: Orally Available CD45 Antagonists

- Tonix is exploiting regenerative AI and computational biology to identify ***modulators of CD45 expression and inhibitors of CD45 function*** to develop candidate broad-spectrum antiviral drugs¹

Goal: broad spectrum antivirals

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- Drugs that strengthen the body's immunity and protect against viral illness are called “host-directed” antivirals^{2,3}

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²Radoshitzky SR, et al., *PLoS Pathog*. 2016 Mar 31;12(3):e1005466. doi: 10.1371/journal.ppat.1005466. eCollection 2016 PMID: 27031835

³Loureiro ME, et al., *PLoS Pathog*. 2018 Jul 12;14(7):e1007125. doi: 10.1371/journal.ppat.1007125. eCollection 2018 Jul.PMID: 30001425



Tonix Research and Development Center (RDC)



- Located in Frederick, MD (close to Fort Detrick/ USAMRIID)
- 48,000 square foot facility; main building is BSL-2 with some areas designated BSL-3
- Supports expanding infectious disease pipeline by accelerating internal discovery and development of vaccines and antiviral drugs
- At full capacity, the RDC can employ 80-100 scientists and technical support staff



Sina Bavari, PhD – Director of Infectious Disease Research

- **Sina Bavari, PhD, Tonix's Executive Director of Infectious Disease R&D**
 - Formerly served as head of science at the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID)
- **At DoD/USAMRIID, his laboratory found that a small decrease in the expression or function of CD45 protects animals from multiple pathogens such as anthrax and Ebola virus^{1,2}**
 - CD45 is a lymphocyte transmembrane receptor phosphatase
- **Dr. Bavari's lab also discovered Remdesivir (GS-5734) in collaboration with Gilead and CDC**
 - That work was published in Nature 2016 and showed that GS-5734 (Remdesivir) works against SARS-CoV and MERS³, which led to the testing of Remdesivir/GS-5734 in SARS-CoV-2

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³Warren TK, et al. *Nature*. 2016 531(7594):381-5. doi: 10.1038/nature17180.



Other Programs at Tonix: Non-dilutive Funding

- **Tonix has other broad spectrum antiviral programs ongoing**
 - Cathepsin inhibitors
 - Protein-engineered lectins
- **Other Government Support**
 - Tonix’s TNX-1800 vaccine was selected by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Institute of Allergic and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) for Project NextGen, an in-kind award in which NIAID will study Tonix’s COVID-19 vaccine platform in a Phase 1 study
 - The DoD CDMRP* has also provided \$3 M of funding to support a University of North Carolina (UNC) study of Tonix’s TNX-102 SL drug to treat Acute Stress Disorder (ASD) and prevent PTSD after motor vehicle collisions
 - The National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) has awarded \$5.2 M in a grant to support Tonix’s Phase 2 development of TNX-1300, a cocaine antidote

*CDMRP = Congressionally directed medical research program



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