Antiviral Drug Discovery (AViDD) Centers for Pathogens of Pandemic Concern

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Antiviral Program for Pandemics (APP)

5-year, \$3.2B USG-funded program allocated across 7 virus families of pandemic potential largest investment supporting pre-pandemic therapeutic development to date

\$3.2**B**

Program objective: accelerate development of direct-acting antivirals from discovery to early development, as a complement to vaccines, neutralizing antibodies, and other therapeutic options In-kind support and funding opportunities provided by NIAID, NCATS, and BARDA including new Antiviral Drug Discovery (AViDD) Centers and public-private partnerships

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NIAID Support for New Antivirals Targeting Pandemic Viruses

----- In-kind support ----- Direct funding



Two-pronged Approach Catalyzes Development of a Robust Antivirals Pipeline



Seven Viral Families In-scope for the APP



Multiple Mechanisms of Targeted Support Coordinated Across Drug Discovery-Development Pipeline



Antiviral Drug Discovery Centers (AViDD)

Objective: To establish multidisciplinary Centers focused on discovery and development of antivirals against coronaviruses (CoVs) and one or more select RNA viruses with pandemic potential.



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- Pandemic highlighted the need for a more robust pipeline of diverse antiviral drugs
- AViDD centers will help fill that gap
 - Foundational research on new targets for direct-acting antivirals
 - Lead discovery through selection of clinical candidates
 - Industry involvement key to rapid advancement of leads
- Urgent need for demonstrated progress
 - 3 years funding up front to accelerate delivery
 - Funding for years 4-5 dependent on future allocation from HHS

AViDD Centers



Approach: Fund integrated, multidisciplinary Centers with innovative virology, biochemistry, structural biology, medicinal chemistry, genomics and/or systems biology capabilities

Industry: Centers include industry participation for expertise with optimization of novel antiviral lead series



Scope: Aligned with APP - small molecules and non-antibody biotherapeutics that directly block viral targets in SARS-CoV-2 and other RNA viruses of pandemic potential

Program budget: \$1B over 5 years planned (3 years secured)

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NIAID Announces Antiviral Drug Development Awards

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The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health, has awarded approximately \$577 million to establish nine Antiviral Drug Discovery (AViDD) Centers for Pathogens of Pandemic Concern.

The AViDD centers will conduct innovative, multidisciplinary research to develop candidate COVID-19 antivirals, especially those that can be taken in an outpatient setting, as well as antivirals targeting specific viral families with high potential to cause a pandemic in the future. These include paramyxoviruses, bunyaviruses, togaviruses, filoviruses (including Ebola viruses and Marburg virus), picornaviruses (including enteroviruses and other cold-



Transmission electron micrograph of SARS-CoV-2 virus particles (yellow) within endosomes of a heavily infected nasal Olfactory Epithelial Cell.



AViDD Centers

Al-Driven Structure-Enabled Antiviral Platform (ASAP) Pls: John Chodera, Ph.D.; Benjamin Perry, Ph.D.; Alpha Lee, Ph.D.

Antiviral Countermeasures Development Center (AC/DC)

Pls: George Painter, Ph.D.; Richard Plemper, Ph.D.

Center for Antiviral Medicines & Pandemic Preparedness (CAMPP)

Pls: Sumit Chanda, Ph.D.; Arnab Chatterjee, Ph.D; Adolfo García-Sastre, Ph.D.

Development of Outpatient Antiviral Cocktails Against SARS-CoV-2 and other Potential Pandemic RNA Viruses PI: Jeffrey Glenn, M.D., Ph.D.

Metropolitan AntiViral Drug Accelerator Pls: David Perlin, Ph.D.; Charles Rice, Ph.D.

Midwest AViDD Center Pls: Reuben Harris, Ph.D.; Fang Li, Ph.D.

QCRG Pandemic Response Program PI: Nevan Krogan, Ph.D.

Rapidly Emerging Antiviral Drug Development Initiative – AViDD Center (READDI-AC)

Pls: Ralph Baric, Ph.D.; Timothy Willson, Ph.D.

UTMB-Novartis Alliance for Pandemic

Preparedness

Pls: Pei-Yong Shi, Ph.D.; Thierry Diagana, Ph.D.