# Grantmanship in Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

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# **Mission Statement:**

"It's all in your head."

Studies in:
Rhinitis and Sinusitis
CFS and related syndromes

# **Business Model for Research**

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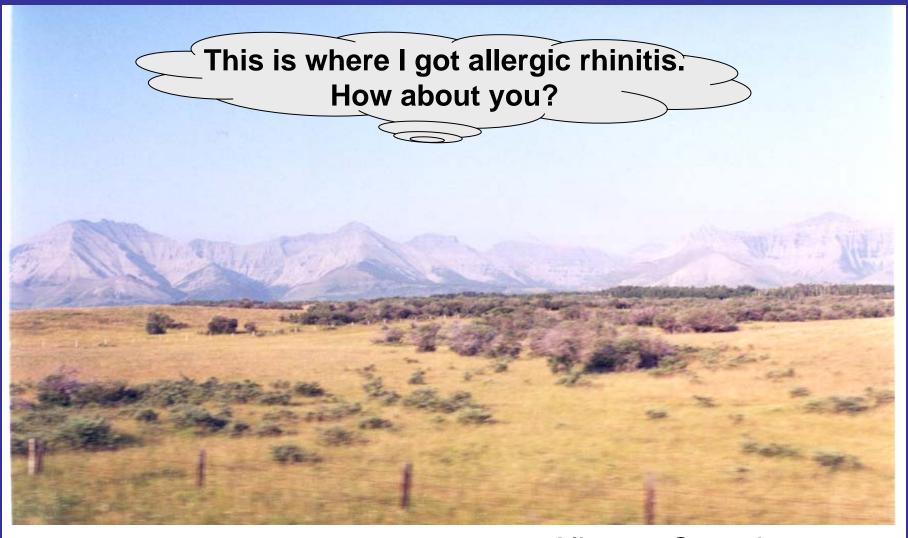
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- University provides space to investigators in return for Indirect Costs (profit).
- Investigators package, peddle and, hopefully, sell their ideas to Federal and other funding agencies.
- If the Review Committee does not buy my idea, I do not get any money.
- No money in, I cannot rent space at University Mall.
- No mortgage payment.
- Industry, anyone?

## **Grants Sections A, B, and C**

- Novel, innovative <u>IDEA</u> for research plan
- Fascinating <u>TITLE</u>
- Clearly written and exciting <u>ABSTRACT</u>
  - "Bait and hook'em hard"
  - (This is all this is read by many of the reviewers)
- Appropriate budget
- Appropriate justifications
- Brilliant and appropriate statisticians
- Brilliant and appropriate collaborators

# Present your bona fides: The BIOSKETCH Who do you think you are?



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## Who do you think you are?

#### James N. Baraniuk, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Georgetown University

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Manitoba, Canada	B.Sc. (Hons.)	1972-1976	Joint Honours in Chemistry and Microbiology
University of Manitoba, Canada	B.Sc. (Med.)	1977-1978	Cardiology
University of Manitoba, Canada	M.D.	1977-1981	
St. Thomas Hospital, Akron, Ohio	Intern, Res.	1981-1984	Internal Medicine
Duke University Medical Center	Resident	1984-1985	Internal Medicine
Duke University Medical Center	Fellow	1985-1987	Allergy and Clinical Immunology, pollen chemistry
LCI, NIAID, NIH, Bethesda, MD	Scientist	1987-1989	Allergy and Clinical Immunology, neuropeptides
National Heart & Lung Institute, London	Scientist	1989-1991	Molecular Biology of Airway Innervation

Lung Biology Lab., Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. (D. Massaro) Asst. Prof. 1991-92

Rheumatology, Immunology and Allergy, Georgetown University

Asst. Prof. 1993-1998

Rheumatology, Immunology and Allergy, Georgetown University

Vincent Lombardi Cancer Research Center, Georgetown University

Member 1992-

Adult Asthma & Allergy Service, Georgetown University Co-Director 1993-

Bioassay Core Laboratory, Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center, GU Director 1999-

Georgetown University Proteomics Laboratory Director 2001-

Certification: 1981: Licensate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC); 1984: American Board of Internal Medicine; 1985: Internal Medicine, Royal College of Physicians of Canada; 1987: Allergy & Clinical Immunology, Conjoint Boards of American Board of Internal Medicine & American Board of Pediatrics; 1988: Clinical Immunology & Allergy, Royal College of Physicians of Canada

Special Lectureships: 1993-1994: lecturer, Dialogues in Allergy Series, American Academy of Allergy and Immunology; Mar., 1995: Distinguished Guest Lecturer, Department of Medicine, Creighton University, Omaha, NB; May, 2000: Distinguished Visitor, Catholic University of Cordoba, Argentina; May, 2000: Distinguished Lecturer, XVII Argentine National Congress of Allergy, Cordoba, Argentina; Oct. 2000: Inaugural Lecturer, 1st Annual Special Head and Neck Conference, Mie University, Tsu, Japan; Aug. 2001, Kyiv and Yalta Ukraine and Sept. 2002, Sofia, Bulgaria, Instructor, Allergy Summer Course, European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology; May 2002, Distinguished Speaker, Paraguayan Allergy Congress, Asuncion, Paraguay

Federal Panels: 1996-1999: Food and Drug Administration Pulmonary and Allergy Drugs Advisory Board. 1999, reviewer, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Special Emphasis Panel, DRG; 1999, reviewer, Physical Preparedness and Combat Readiness Review Group, Veterans Administration – Department of Defense; 1999-2003: Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Interest Review Group (IRG) panel, NIH CSR; 2000: Site Reviewer, Environmental Protection Agency Human Studies Facility, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; 2002-present: Data and Safety Monitoring Board, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. 2004: Proteomics and Aging, CSR panel member, NIA; 2006-, presenter and observer, Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Research Advisory Committee, Dept. of Veterans Affairs; Nov, 2006, Chair, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Fibromyalgia Sydrome and Temporomandibular Dysfunction Special Emphasis Panel ZRG1 CFS-E(01)S; Other National Committees: 1997-2002 editorial review panel, Am J Respir Crit Care Med; 2000- editorial review panel, Thorax, 2000-2003, Chairman, Research Advocacy Committee, American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI); 2000-2004, Chairman, Rhinitis Committee, AAAAI; 1998-present: Georgetown University General Clinical Research Center Advisory Committee; 1999-2002: Georgetown University Grievance Panel; 2002-2005: Georgetown University Dean of Research's Research Committee; 2002 Subcommittee on Core Resources; 2005- Chair, Standard Operating Procedures Committee. Special Program: 2003: Redefining Sinusitis Consensus Conference; 2003- Program Committee, Respiratory Tract mRNA Transcription"

## Who do you think you are?

# Who do THEY think you are?

Multidisciplinary, translational research oriented, basic scientist and clinical investigator? or

Jack of all trades, master of none?

How does your past performance promote confidence that you can do what you are proposing in your grant?

# "Mechanisms of Rhinitis in CFS" RO1 Al42403

- 1997-2001 Mechanisms of Rhinitis in CFS
  - Novel hypothesis that neural mechanisms regulating mucosal function were abnormal in CFS compared to healthy control and other rhinosinusitis groups
- 2001-2005 Competitive Renewal
- 2005-2006 2nd Competitive Renewal Unsuccessful What went wrong?

# OK, so you've completed:

- Double Honours in Science undergraduate program and applied physical chemistry and biochemical principles to advance your research fields;
- Performed human translational research in medical school (isometric hand grip) that has been applied to this grant;
- Three translational fellowships at Duke, NIAID and the National Heart and Lung Institute, London, studying allergy, immunology, neuropeptides, molecular biology of neuropeptide receptor expression, and determined how nerves regulate mucosal function in human airways in vivo;
- Have been independently funded for innovative, state-ofthe-art research

BUT, you do not have a Ph.D.

# Comments, cont'd

- OK, so you discovered that CFS subjects have an unique chronic, irritant-sensitive rhinopathy with neural dysfunction
- BUT, your new proposal was:
  - hard to read,
  - offered no new, immediate benefits for CFS patients, and
  - did not make sense.

• AND, you did not publish enough papers.

### **Peer-Reviewed Research Publications**

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# Past performance is not evidence of future productivity.

### **Commentary cont'd**

Yes, BUT,

You did not have enough publications limited solely to CFS.

- Response: As natural outcomes of our laboratory's work on <u>Rhinitis in CFS</u>, we helped:
  - Redefine Chronic Sinusitis;
  - Redefine Nonallergic Rhinitis;
  - Gained acceptance of the Rhinitis of CFS within the larger scientific community
  - Introduced and developed state-of-the-art methods such as capillary electrophoresis and tandem mass spectrometry for the study of CFS.
  - Value added or contrary to spirit of a "CFS" award?
- I failed.

# **CAVEAT**

- The reviewer is in bed after a hard day at work.
- The reviewer is lying next to their spouse whose has ideas.
- Jay Leno is hilarious tonight.
- Your grant is the 6<sup>th</sup> of the night so far.
- Can your grant overcome these challenges so that the reviewer reads it like the newest edition of <u>Harry Potter</u> and is so excited that they jump up in bed and sing "America The Beautiful" because yours is a true work of <u>art</u>?

# What are you going to do? Diversify Your Portfolio

<u>1991-1995</u> 1993-1998	
<u>1996</u>	"Collection of Nasal Secretions for Measurement of α-Interferon", contractor to Cytlmmune Sciences Inc., College Park, MD, funded by <b>Office of Naval Research</b>
<u>1996-2001</u>	"Nasal Irritant Sensitivity and Allergic Rhinitis", co-investigator with D. Shusterman, MD, MPH, UCSF Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, NIDCD 1 K08 DC00121-01
<u>1998-2001</u>	"Nociceptive Dysfunction and Environmental Exposures", <b>Environmental Protection Agency</b> award R825814-01-0, P.I.
<u>1994-1997</u>	"Central Nervous System Dysfunction in Interstitial Cystitis", PHS, collaborator with D. Clauw, M.D., Principal Investigator
<u>1996-1999</u>	"Dysregulation of the Stress Response in Persian Gulf Syndrome", co-investigator with D. Clauw, M.D., principal investigator, <b>Department of Defense</b>
<u>1999-2005</u>	"Chronic Multisymptom Illness", Director, Bioassay Core, D. Clauw, M.D., principal investigator, <b>Department of Defense</b> DAMD 170020018

# Modify Business Plan: Proteomics in CFS

- Introduced Proteomics for the study of CFS and related illnesses (1998)
- Expanded the study of cerebrospinal fluid in CFS (1999) Introduced Proteomics to my institution with 1st tandem mass spectrometer (2000)
- Introduced advanced analytical tools for the investigation of biomarkers and pathophysiology of CFS (2001)
- Identified differences in patterns of urine peptides between FM, CFS/FM, and healthy control subjects by capillary electrophoresis (2002)
- Identified an unique set of cerebrospinal fluid proteins in CFS by liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry (2003)
- Proposed a novel hypothesis for pathophysiology of CFS based on cerebrospinal fluid and brain protein alterations (2005)

### Proteomics Publications (prove track record)

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12,500 "hits" on BMC website in December, 2005

Most hits for all papers in BMC Neurology until April 2006

10 proteins were unique to CFS subject cerebrospinal fluid and had potential for understanding the pathogenesis of CFS.

# New R01 Application in 2003: "Cerebrospinal Fluid in CFS"

Date of Report	<b>Priority Score</b>	<u>Percentile</u>
Dec. 10, 2004	188	26.8
Aug. 16, 2005	<b>277</b>	<b>56.7</b>

## What happened after I addressed the issues?

- New set of 5 reviewers.
- Reviewers 1, 2, 3, and 4 were in favor and found strong clinical importance for CFS.
- Reviewer 5 disliked the bioinformatics and statistics.

#### **Reviewer 5:**

"(T)his is an interesting application with considerable potential. The applicant has a strong background in CFS. Nevertheless, there is significant concern that there is <u>insufficient expertise on the research team in the area of Bioinformatics / Computational Biology</u>. . . <u>mass spectrometry and physical chemistry</u>."

#### **Collaborators:**

Dr. Cathy Wu, Director, Protein Information Resource (pir.georgetown.edu) Dr. Lewis Pannell, Director, Laboratory of Mass Spectrometry, Univ. S. Alabama

Dr. Habtom Ressom, Electrical Engineer with Ph.D. in Biostatistics, expert in microarray and proteomic analysis including support vector machine learning

#### **My Paranoid Concerns:**

Were the clinical reviewers swayed by the suggestion of technical shortcomings? The reviewer's points were easy to overcome. Was the Reviewer 5 the mail-in Chemical Engineer? Was the mail-in chemical engineer better than my electrical engineer?

Did the reviewers throw out the baby with the bathwater?

# NEURO-IMMUNE MECHANISMS AND CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME:

Will understanding central mechanisms enhance the search for the causes, consequences, and treatment of CFS?

A Scientific Workshop Sponsored by the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health and the Trans-NIH Working Group for Research on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

June 12-13, 2003 Bethesda, Maryland

# Proteomics in CFS — The Second "Focused" Chance

- CFS Meeting, CFS specialists, CFS needs
- Need for understanding of pathophysiology of disease (my aim)
- Journalist: "I haven't been to one of these CFS or FM meetings in 10 years, but the same people are saying the same things. Hasn't anything changed?"

## **Request For Applications:**

Title:

Neuroimmune Mechanisms and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

- Announcement Type New
- Request for Applications (RFA) Number: RFA-OD-06-002
- The RFA had specific defined goals regarding CFS.
- The goals of the RFA became the Specific Aims for my grant, in large part because my work was directed at addressing these issues.
- The RFA criteria also constrained and guided the reviewers in their review and selection process.

# My Choice:

 Continue a losing battle with the "chemical engineer grant"

OR

 Address the aims of the RFA and go for broke!

## **Specific Aims**

- SPECIFIC AIM 1:
- Identify patterns of proteins ("biosignatures") that distinguish CFS from HC.
- SPECIFIC AIM 2c:
- ... identify blood brain barrier dysfunction in CFS.
- SPECIFIC AIM 3c:
- Determine if there are multivariate relationships between the severities of specific symptoms and CFS – related proteomes.

# **Key Dates**

- Release Date:
- Application Receipt Dates(s):
- Peer Review Date(s):
- Council Review Date(s):
   May, 2006
- Earliest Anticipated Start Date:

- July 14, 2005
- Sept. 19, 2005
- Jan. / Feb., 2006

July, 2006

## **Current Status**

- Proteomics is not genomics. We are looking for the suite of altered proteins that are dysregulated in cerebrospinal fluid in CFS. This is the best we can do short of brain biopsies.
- Selected proteins have been identified for further investigation of their pathogenic roles in CFS and related syndromes.

# **Current Status**

- New experimental methods are in place to increase the number of CFS – related biomarkers identified.
- A pilot treatment study has been funded based on the CFS – related proteome we discovered.
- A future grant will propose a similar treatment study and will utilize these potential CFS biomarkers to stratify subject responses to therapy.

# **Grantsmanship in CFS**

- No. VA CFS/FM group Sat. Sept. 15, 2007:
- Much money has been expended on areas that have had little return based on patient satisfaction, the understanding of disease pathogenesis, and introduction of novel treatment concepts.
- Focus, define, refine, and clarify your text and aims.

# **Grantsmanship in CFS**

- Make sure you chose your parents carefully.
  - Is there a consistent study section composition and even review process?
  - What other noteworthy innovations have been advanced by your competitors?
- Place your own "Knight in Shining Armor" on the study section.
  - Who are your research advocates?
  - Paranoia: Was there a clinical advocate who understood the innovation and potential for understanding of disease pathophysiology who could balance the nonclinical statistical objector?
- Are there ways to reduce the time grantees spend on administrative duties so more work time can be devoted to the funded research?

## **Grantsmanship in CFS**

- Thank you very much for the:
  - 2003 CFS Workshop.
  - Careful considerations of the needs for understanding CFS pathophysiology, and need for new treatments.
  - 2005 CFS RFA.
  - This invitation to address "City Hall".