



# Mid-point Update on the ORIP Strategic Plan 2021-2025

...and an overview of ORIP programs/activities

---

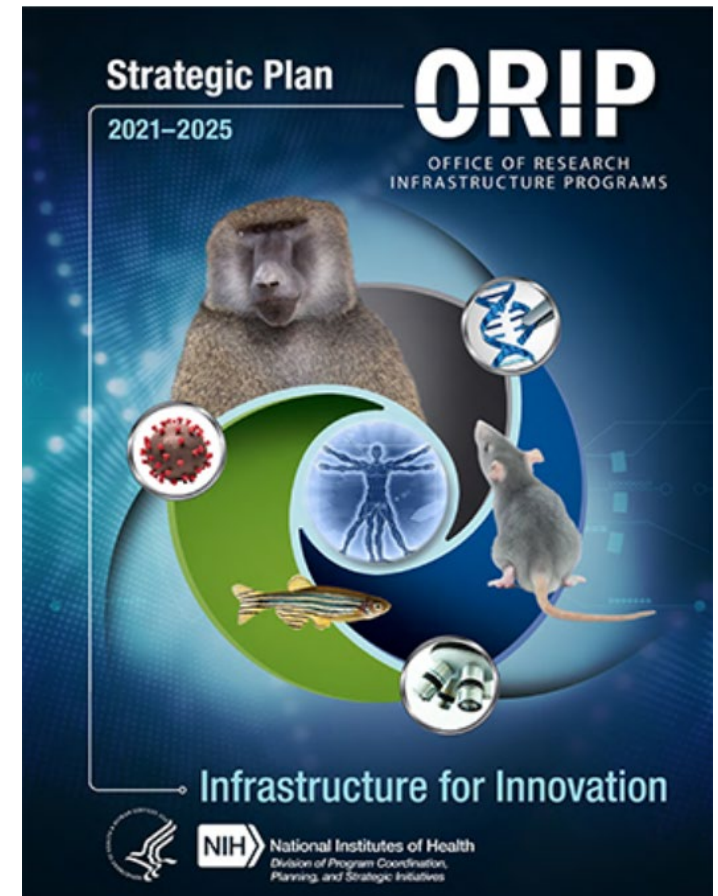
Franziska Grieder, DVM, PhD, Director ORIP/DPCPSI  
Council of Councils, January 25, 2024

# Overview of the Current ORIP Strategic Plan (SP)

## Organization of the SP in 4 Themes

### Key points about ORIP programs

- SP developed during the COVID pandemic.
  - Significant work performed during the COVID pandemic.
- Progress analysis will be used for the planning process of the next ORIP Strategic Plan.
  - In August 2023, ORIP held an all-hands ORIP retreat to start planning for the ORIP 2026 – 2030 SP.
  - ORIP staff assumed ownership of specific Themes and Strategies to explore future directions.
- Two Council members agreed to serve as liaisons during the planning process – Drs. Kent Lloyd and Susan Sanchez.



## Overview of Examples Presented

- Animal Models
  - Achievements with rodents
  - Critical availability of NHPs
- Instrumentation
  - Broad access to shared instruments
  - Geographic distribution
- Training for Veterinary Scientists – unique NIH program
- Outreach – continually growing
  - SBIR/STTR program

## Overview of examples

- Animal Models
  - **Achievements with rodents**
    - Critical availability of NHPs
- Instrumentation
  - Broad access to shared instruments
  - Geographic distribution
- Training for Veterinary Scientists – unique NIH program
- Outreach – continually growing
  - SBIR/STTR program

# The Mutant Mouse Resource and Research Center (MMRRC) Consortium



Kent Lloyd



Terry Magnuson



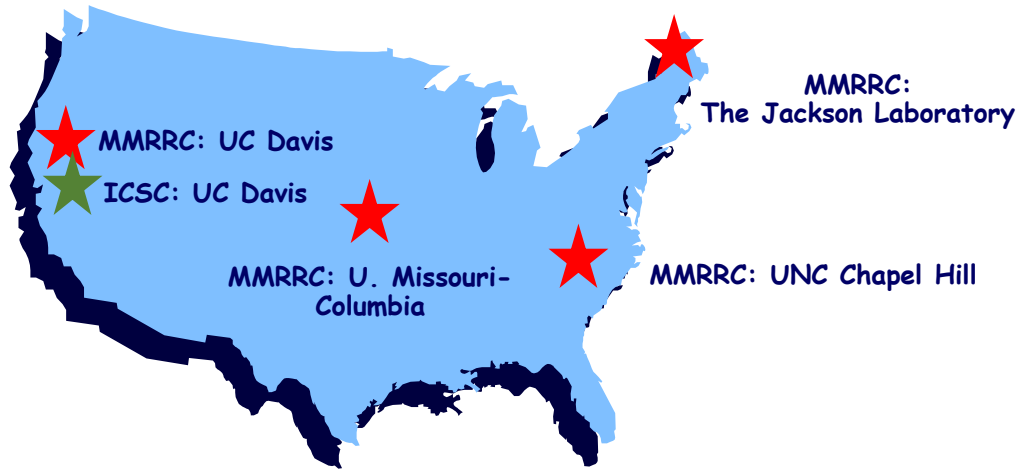
Craig Franklin



Cathy Lutz



Ian Korf



Founded in 1999

<https://www.mmrrc.org/>

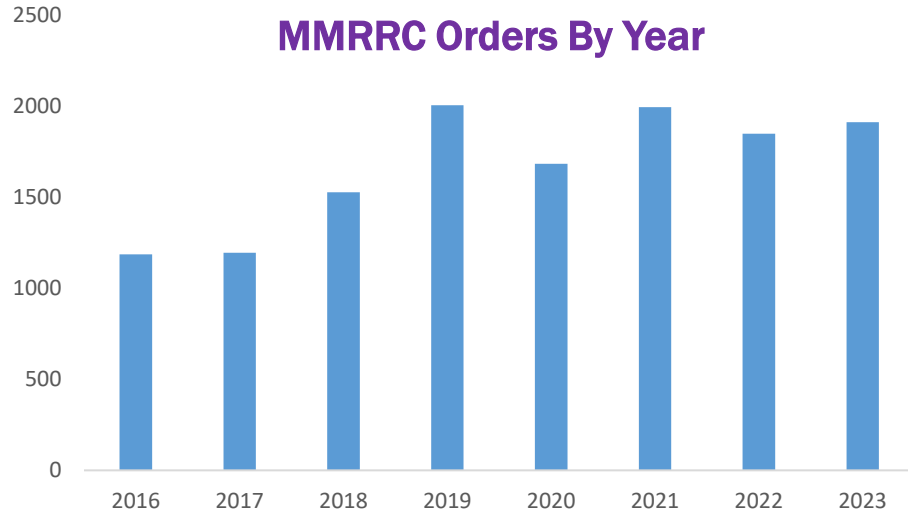


**Mission:** The NIH-ORIP sponsored mouse repositories (MMRRCs) cryopreserve and distribute genetically-engineered rodent strains and embryonic stem cell lines that provide great scientific value to the genetics and biomedical research communities.

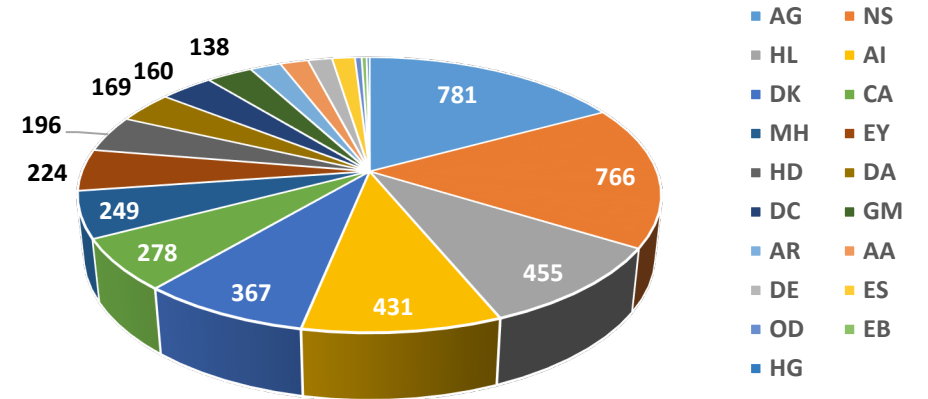
The collection consists of **61,866 unique mutant alleles** (submissions include live mice, frozen germplasm, or ES cells).

The MMRRCs have received **16,383 orders** from **7,466 unique investigators** at **3,492 research institutions** in the past **10 years**

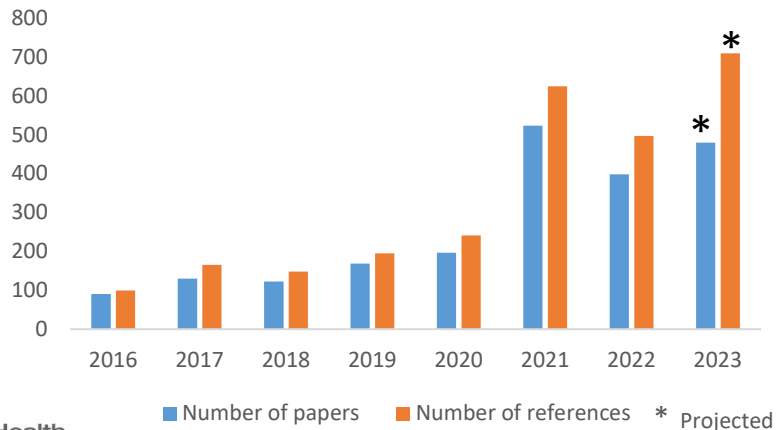
# MMRRC Progress and Impacts



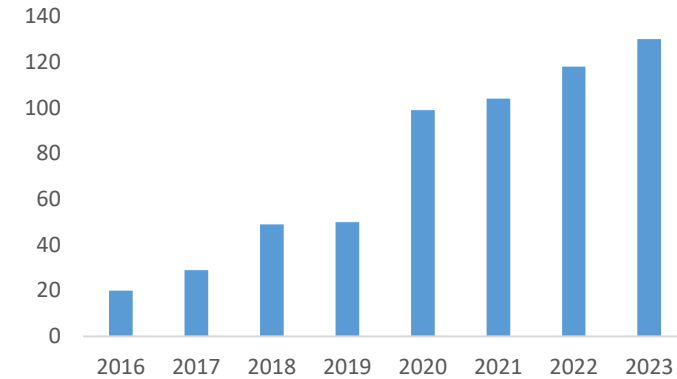
### Orders by NIH Institutes and Centers (10 Years)



### Number of Publications Referencing MMRRC Per Year



### Number of Patents Citing MMRRC Papers Per Year



# Contributions with support from mouse models

## Contributions to COVID research (MMRRC contributions to meet emerging public health needs)

- The most widely used K18-hACE2 mouse strain, cryopreserved by The Jackson Laboratory, was made available to the community by using *in vitro* fertilizations technology developed with ORIP funding for MMRRC (technology was used in more than 400 publications during last 3 years).
- MMRRC created a COVID Web portal in May 2020, which became the most visited page on the Website.
- MMRRC created and provided to investigators new mouse models for anti-viral development and preclinical testing (23 new strains created, 15 already available via MMRRC catalog)

## Contributions in the post-COVID area

- Enhancing archiving and recovery of animals/biomaterials as well as other related services for biomedical community
- Improving technologies for rapid production of large animal cohorts for testing new pathogens
- Coordinating activities with other NIH ICOs to develop animal models for testing prototype and priority pathogens

## Ongoing contributions

- Training new scientists or retraining scientists from other fields to create and assess animal models for use in antiviral development and other health-related research areas
- Developing new approaches for colony testing, diagnostics, monitoring

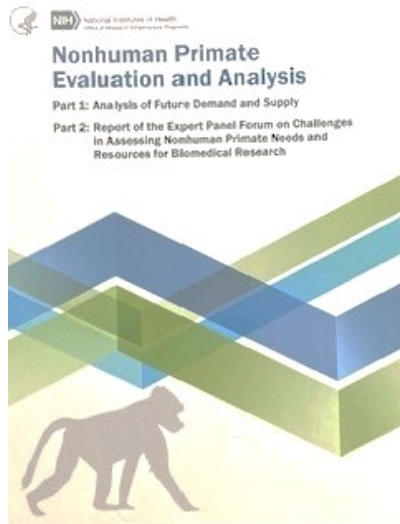
## Overview of examples

- Animal Models
  - Achievements with rodents
  - **Critical availability of NHPs**
- Instrumentation
  - Broad access to shared instruments
  - Geographic distribution
- Training for Veterinary Scientists – unique NIH program
- Outreach – continually growing
  - SBIR/STTR program



# Ongoing Challenges - Insufficient availability of NHPs for biomedical research

## 2018 Nonhuman Primate Evaluation and Analysis



*Links to reports  
on ORIP web  
site and below.*

[Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)

## 2023 NASEM Report: State of the Science and Future Needs for Nonhuman Primate Model Systems: Report Release

**NATIONAL  
ACADEMIES** Sciences  
Engineering  
Medicine

## Study Conclusions:

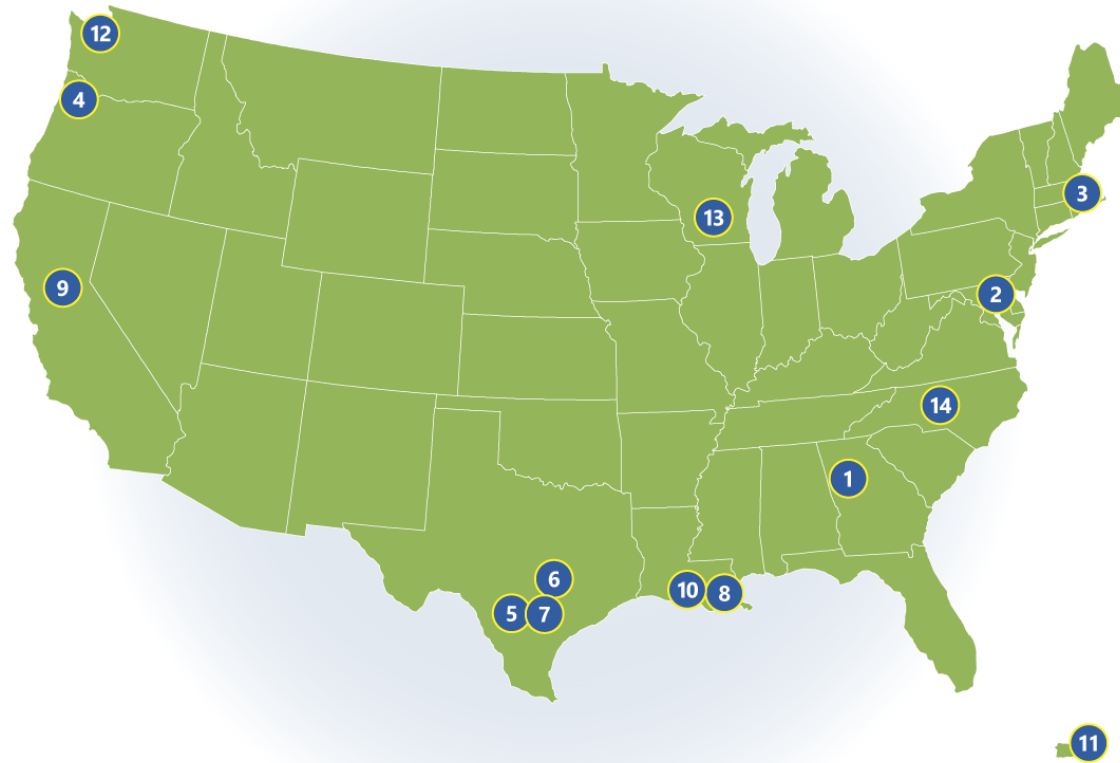
- Insufficient funding to support NHP resources
- Constraints of breeding and research space at NHP facilities
- Needs to support specialized staffing issues
- Challenges in transporting NHPs

## Consequences:

- Delays in performing funded studies
- Challenges exacerbated by the pandemic

# Nonhuman Primate (NHP) Research Resources

- 1 Emory University**—Emory National Primate Research Center
- 2 Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine**—Specific-Pathogen-Free Pigtail Macaque Breeding Colony for HIV Research Projects
- 3 MassBiologics, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School**—Nonhuman Primate Reagent Resource; Neotropical Primate Reagent Resource
- 4 Oregon Health & Science University**—Oregon National Primate Research Center
- 5 Texas Biomedical Research Institute**—Southwest National Primate Research Center
- 6 The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center**—Specific-Pathogen-Free Baboon Research Resource; Squirrel Monkey Breeding and Research Resource



- 7 Trinity University**—New World Monkey Immunoreagent Resource
- 8 Tulane University**—Tulane National Primate Research Center
- 9 University of California, Davis**—California National Primate Research Center
- 10 University of Louisiana at Lafayette**—Resource for Nonhuman Primate Immune Reagents
- 11 University of Puerto Rico**—Caribbean Primate Research Center
- 12 University of Washington**—Washington National Primate Research Center
- 13 University of Wisconsin–Madison**—Wisconsin National Primate Research Center
- 14 Wake Forest University School of Medicine**—Vervet Research Colony

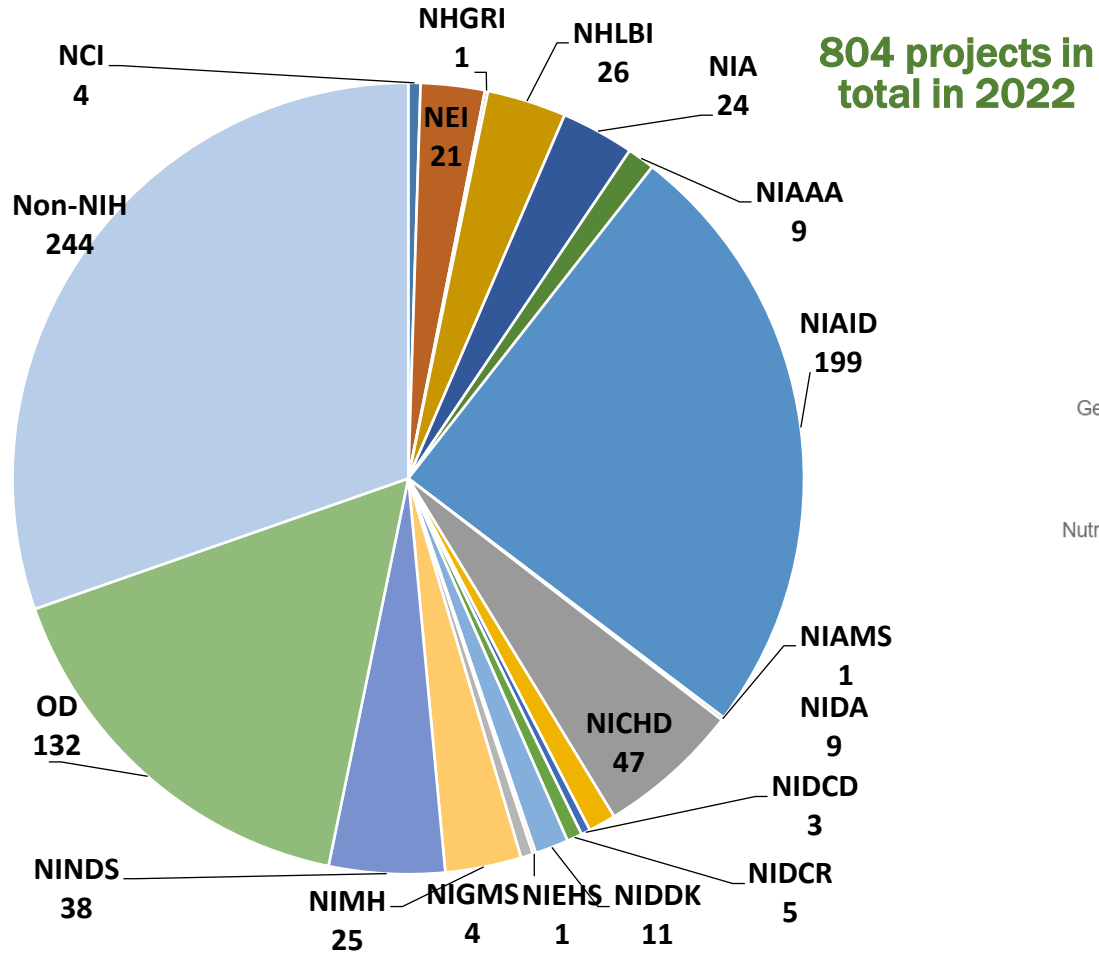
*Nonhuman primate research resources supported by ORIP.*

*Seven National Primate Centers: Specialized centers providing NHPs, state-of-the-art facilities, equipment, core services, and scientific expertise to support biomedical and behavioral research*

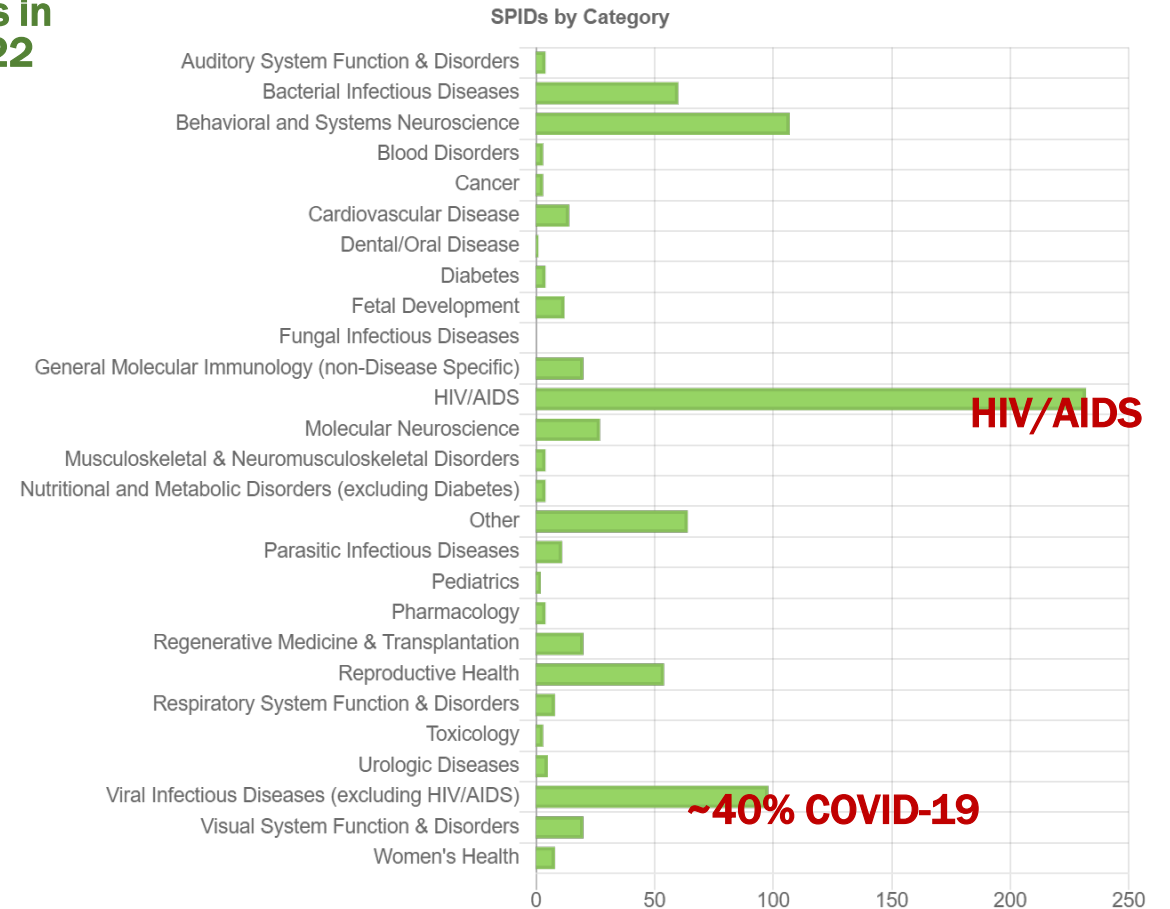


# NPRCs Supports a Broad Range of Projects (FY2022)

## NIH and Non-NIH Funded Projects Supported by NPRCs

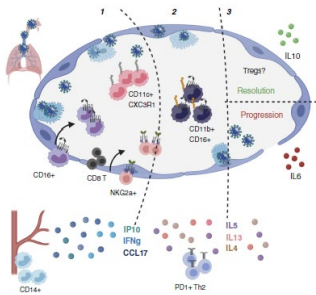


## Areas of Research Supported by NPRCs

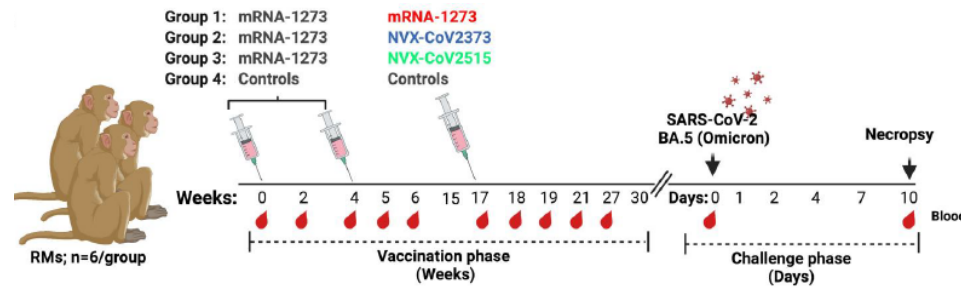


# COVID-19 Related Contributions of ORIP-Supported NHP Centers

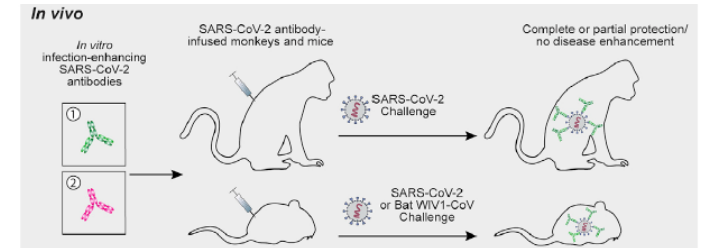
## Infection



## Vaccines and Boosts



## Development of Treatments

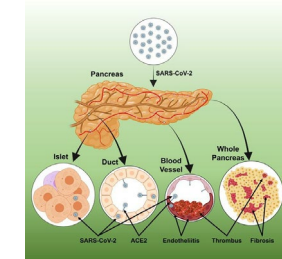


- Cellular events and SARS-CoV-2 infection. *Nature Comm.* 2020
- African green monkey model of COVID-19 related acute respiratory distress. *Am J Pathol.* 2021
- In vivo probe to track SARS-CoV-2 Infection. *Front. Immunol.* 2021

- Protection against rechallenge after SARS-CoV-2 infection. *Science* 2020
- BNT162b vaccines. *Nature* 2021
- mRNA-1273 and Novavax. *Sci. Immunol.* 2023
- mRNA-1273 or mRNA-omicron boost. *Cell* 2022
- Replicating mRNA vaccine. *PLOS Pathogens* 2022

- SARS-CoV-2 infection-enhancing and neutralizing antibodies. *Cell* 2021

## Long Covid



**Data Sharing: The SARS-CoV-2 Open Research Portal since 2020**

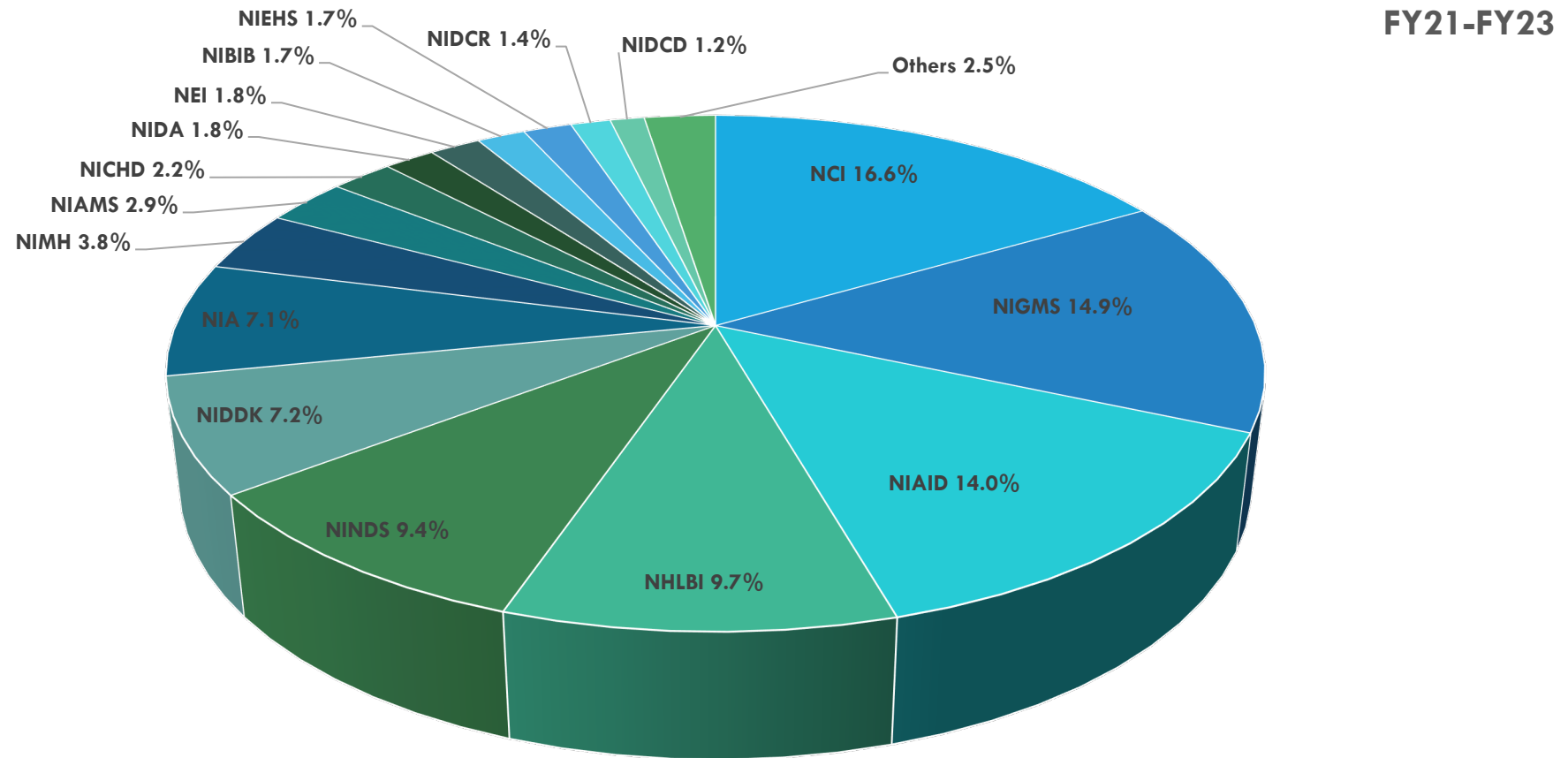
- SARS-CoV-2 infection and new-onset diabetes. *JCI Insight* 2021

## Overview of examples

- Animal Models
  - Achievements with rodents
  - Critical availability of NHPs
- **Instrumentation**
  - **Broad access to shared instruments**
  - **Geographic distribution**
- Training for Veterinary Scientists – unique NIH program
- Outreach – continually growing
  - SBIR/STTR program

# Shared Instruments Support All Areas of NIH Research

## Support for acquisition of modern scientific instrumentation across NIH interests

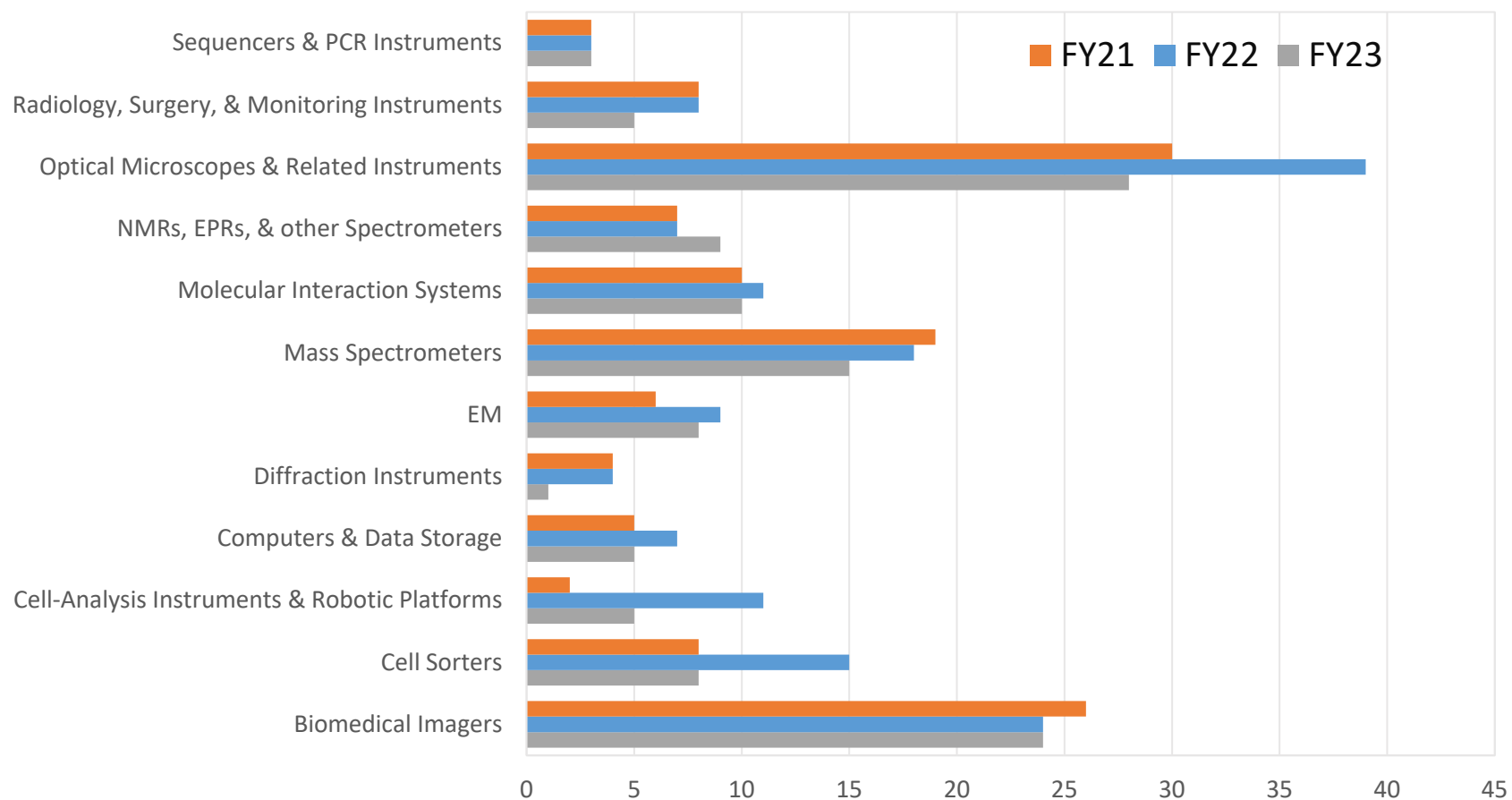


Others: NIAAA, OD, NCCIH, NHGRI, NCATS, NIMHD, NLM, NINR, FIC

# Instrumentation awards by instrumentation category

Support for acquisition of modern scientific instrumentation

Number of awards/instrument category





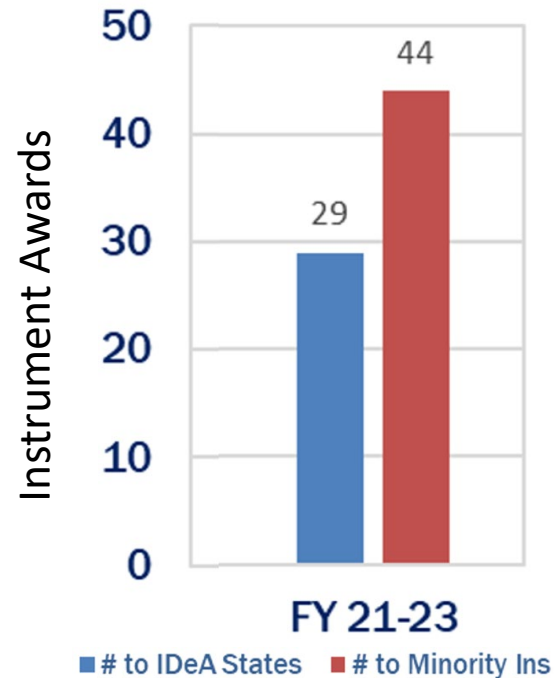
# Geographic Distribution of S10 Awards 2021 - 2023





# Geographic Distribution of S10 Awards 2021 - 2023

Supporting modern scientific instrumentation to resource limited institutions



## Overview of examples

- Animal Models
  - Achievements with rodents
  - Critical availability of NHPs
- Instrumentation
  - Broad access geographic to shared instruments
  - Geographic distribution
- **Training for Veterinary Scientists – unique NIH program**
- Outreach – continually growing
  - SBIR/STTR program

# ORIP's Training Support for Veterinary Scientists

## Veterinary scientists as translational researchers

- Offer a unique perspective through their:
  - Understanding of comparative biology
  - Ability to assess the value of various animal models and related resources for study of specific diseases, provided specialized expertise
- Play an increasingly important role in public health (pandemic, zoonoses)



## ORIP supports training and career development programs for veterinary scientists

### Institutional Training Grants (average numbers and trainees, 2016-2023)

- T35 – 18 grants supporting 163 trainees; T32 – 14 grants supporting 58 trainees
- K01 - Special Emphasis Research Career Award (SERCA) - Mentored career development award for veterinarians  
35 grants with 13 awardees subsequent obtaining NIH grants (to date). Awardees have produced 297 publications, with awardees listed as first (49) or senior (73) author.

# Training and Career Development Outcomes

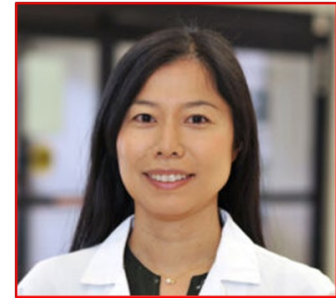
## Faces of Success

**Yoko Ambrosini, DVM, MPVM, PhD, DACVIM (SAIM):** Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, Washington State University

**K01 SERCA award (2021-2025)**

**3 research publications (1 first author, 1 senior author)**

**1 R21 Award (2022-2024)**



**Yoko Ambrosini**

**Aaron Ericsson, DVM, PhD:** Assistant Professor, University of Missouri-Columbia

**ORIP T32 training grant (2008-2010) and K01 SERCA award (2017-2021)**

**43 publications in PubMed, 7 first author, 12 senior author**

**U42 Award (2022) to support the MMRRC, University of Missouri-Columbia.**



**Aaron Ericsson**

## Overview of examples

- Animal Models
  - Achievements with rodents
  - Critical availability of NHPs
- Instrumentation
  - Broad access to shared instruments
  - Geographic distribution
- Training for Veterinary Scientists – unique NIH program
- **Outreach – continually growing**
  - **SBIR/STTR program**

# Collaborations and Awareness of ORIP-supported resources

- Collaborations supporting specific programs
  - NHP resources – Co-funding (OAR, NIA, NIAID, others); Semi-annual program meetings; NIH-wide working group
  - Rodent resources - Co-funding (NIDDK, NHLBI, NIEHS, NIDCD, NEI, NIAID, NCI, NIDA, NIAAA, NINDS)
  - Zebrafish - Co-funding (NICHD)
  - Shared Instrumentation/Equipment - Co-funding (NIGMS, NIMH, NIA, OAR, ORWH)
- Outreach activities by program staff
  - Program site visits - virtual or in-person; targeting single program or consortium
  - Programmatic resource meetings - engaging ICO representatives, federal partners, journal editors
  - Training grant Directors and Trainees meetings - engaging training directors and trainees
- Raising awareness of ORIP-supported resource and outreach
  - Publication highlighting research resource and link to public health needs
  - Produced and posted on web videos highlighting ORIP programs (S10, Biological General Repository for Interaction Datasets, Monarch)
  - ORIP Outreach YouTube Channel



# Small Business for Research Infrastructure

With the goal of modernizing the research infrastructure of laboratories and animal research facilities, the projects below benefited from ORIP's Small Business Programs, SBIR and STTR.

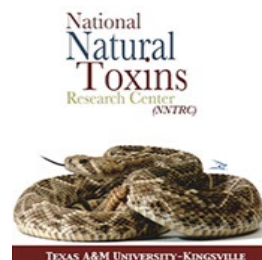
## Supported Technologies to benefit ORIP's Resources:



**\*MARTINEAU & ASSOCIATES**  
**NEMAMETRIX, INC.**  
**RAMONA OPTICS, INC.**



**VIZMA LIFE SCIENCES, INC.**  
**TRICORDER ARRAY TECH, LLC**  
**PHOTOSOUND TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**



**\*FANNIN PARTNERS, LLC**

## Research Highlights:



ORIP Support for Small Businesses  
Leads to New Commercial Technology  
Outcomes That Benefit Community  
Resources and Advance Research  
Discoveries

**Caenorhabditis Genetics Center (CGC)**



**ASCENT BIO-NANO TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**



**FLYSORTER, LLC**



**ORIP Small Business Program (SBP):**  
<https://orip.nih.gov/small-business>

**NIH SBP Success Stories:**  
<https://seed.nih.gov/portfolio/stories>

# Mid-Course Update of the ORIP Strategic Plan 2021-2025

- Conclusion of the accomplishment updates
- Open to questions and suggestions

...but before I entertain question and comments, I would like to acknowledge my ORIP colleagues who have managed these extramural programs which I described and reported on. Without their continued effort, none of this progress would be possible.

Thank you ORIP!













The End

# Animal models for testing vaccines

>80% of Nobel awards in Physiology and Medicine have an animal component.

## Covid-19 Vaccines Approved in the UK who have they been tested on?

	What is it?	Animal testing (pre-clinical testing)	Human testing (clinical trials)
	Non-replicating viral vector vaccine	 hamsters, monkeys,	43,700 people
	mRNA Vaccine	 monkeys, mice	28,270 people
	Non-replicating viral vector vaccine	 pigs, monkeys, ferrets, mice	11,700 people
	mRNA Vaccine	 monkeys, mice	43,000 people

<https://www.understandinganimalresearch.org.uk/why/human-diseases/covid-19-animal-research>

Infographic from Understanding animal research. UK data 2020