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## Description

### Abstract Text

PROJECT SUMMARY/ABSTRACT Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever virus (**CCHFV**) is a tick-borne emerging pathogen that causes severe and often fatal hemorrhagic fever in humans across a broad geographic range that includes more than 30 countries. The NIAID lists **CCHFV** as a Category A priority pathogen, a biological agent that poses the highest risk to national security and public health. CCHF is of particular importance to public health as there are no licensed vaccines or treatments available for use in humans, and because of the concern that the virus could be used as an agent of biological terrorism. The goal of this project is to develop a monoclonal antibody-based postexposure treatment as a potential medical countermeasure that can provide protection across all six genetically distinct clades of **CCHFV**. Monoclonal antibodies will be compared in vitro to select candidates that protect against CCHFVs representing all major M segment clades. The most promising antibodies will then be tested using the STAT-1 knockout mouse model for their ability to protect against disease when the antibodies are given following challenge with **CCHFV**. Dosing and treatment regimens will then be optimized. The lead candidate antibody will be evaluated for its ability to protect nonhuman primates from **CCHFV** disease when administered after exposure. This proposal will draw together the expertise needed to develop lead anti- **CCHFV** mouse monoclonal antibodies chimerized with human constant regions, as well as to develop and optimize fully human anti-CCHF monoclonal antibodies.

### Public Health Relevance Statement

PROJECT NARRATIVE Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever virus (CCHFV) is a tick borne emerging pathogen that causes severe and often fatal hemorrhagic fever in humans across a broad geographic range that includes more than 30 countries. CCHFV is of particular importance to public health as there are no licensed vaccines or treatments available for use in humans and because of the concern that it could be used as an agent of biological terrorism. The monoclonal antibody-based postexposure treatment strategy proposed here offers a potential medical countermeasure that can provide coverage across all six genetically distinct clades of CCHFV.

### NIH Spending Category

Biodefense	Biotechnology	Emerging Infectious Diseases	Immunization	Immunotherapy
Infectious Diseases	Orphan Drug	Rare Diseases	Vector-Borne Diseases	

### Project Terms

Advanced Development	Africa	African	African Green Monkey	Animal Model	Animals
Antibodies	Antiviral Agents	Arboviruses	Argentinian Hemorrhagic Fever	Ascites	Binding
Biological Assay	Biological Products	Bioterrorism	Category A pathogen	Cavia	
Clinical Treatment	Complement-Dependent Cytotoxicity	Containment	Country		
Crimean Hemorrhagic Fever	Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever Virus	Data	Dengue Virus		
Development	Disease	Disease Outbreaks	Disease model	Dose	Ebola
Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay	Etiology	Generations	Genome	Geography	Glycoproteins
Goals	Human	Immunoglobulin Constant Region	Immunohistochemistry	Immunotherapy	

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Project Number  
**5R01AI132246-04**

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**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MED BR  
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**UNITED STATES (US)**

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Administering Institutes or Centers  
**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY  
AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

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Study Section

[ZAI1-LR-M\(M2\)](#)

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Fiscal Year

**2020**

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Budget Start Date  
**01-June-2020**

Budget End Date  
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## Project Funding Information for 2020

Total Funding  
**\$1,117,358**

Direct Costs  
**\$870,257**

Indirect Costs  
**\$247,101**

Year	Funding IC	FY Total Cost by IC
2020	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES	\$1,117,358

## NIH Categorical Spending

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Funding IC	FY Total Cost by IC	NIH Spending Category
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES	\$1,117,358	Biodefense; Biotechnology; Emerging Infectious Diseases; Immunization; Immunotherapy; Infectious Diseases; Orphan Drug; Rare Diseases; Vector-Borne Diseases;

 Sub Projects

No Sub Projects information available for 5R01AI132246-04

 Publications

No Publications available for 5R01AI132246-04

 Patents

No Patents information available for 5R01AI132246-04

 Outcomes

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