

Chair: Sophia Mylona November 18th, 2023 Bahia Mar Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort

## The Royal Dames' Mission

It is our fundamental belief that man is not destined to die of cancer. To this end, the Royal Dames of Cancer Research are dedicated to funding research to find a cure.

### A Rich Tradition Since 1969

Since its inception by this philanthropic group of ladies more than 50 years ago, the Royal Dames have joined together with friends and guests for the Tiara Ball, our signature fundraising event. This spectacular annual charity ball, attended by community leaders throught the tri-county area, is one of the most elegant galas of the season, creating an exciting and profitable evening for the benefit of cancer research. Through this and other events, the Royal Dames have raised almost 4 million dollars to aid, enrich and support valuable educational programs and life-saving cancer research.

Today we continue the efforts to support the scientific programs at the Rumbaugh–Goodwin Institute for Cancer Research at Nova Southeastern University's Center for Collaborative Research and the education program and activities of other Florida based not-for-profit organizations for research in the state of Florida.

We are now planning the **53rd Annual Tiara Ball**, "Grecian Odyssey," chaired by Sophia Mylona. This is our largest and most significant fundraiser of the year and is sure to be a spectacular evening. This will take place November 18th, 2023 at the Bahia Mar Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort.

We look forward to your support in this endeavor!

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### NSU Rumbaugh-Goodwin Institute for Cancer Research Project Summary (as of 2023)

NSU Rumbaugh-Goodwin Institute for Cancer Research (RGI), under the leadership of Appu Rathinavelu, Ph.D., institute director, has earned its reputation of a technology leader in anti-angiogenesis (the inhibiting of new blood vessel formation) applied to treating cancer. Below is a summary of current and planned projects:

#### BACKGROUND

RGI discovered the anti-angiogenic use of F16 and JFD molecules in 2010 and these discoveries were patented in 2011. The original discovery of the F16 and JFD lead molecules was done in collaboration with scientists from the Lombardi Cancer Center of Georgetown University. Currently, NSU has established a Non-disclosure Agreement (NDA) with Catalent Pharma Solutions to create injectable formulations for our F16 and JFD that can be used in humans during Phase I clinical trials.

#### **GLIOBLASTOMA PROJECT**

The Glioblastoma project is RGI's highest priority as it addresses a real-world clinical unmet need.

The Glioblastoma Project refers to the use of the injectable F16, which NSU funded and patented six patents for the treatment of breast, colorectal, lung and ovarian cancers. The patent for treating glioblastoma is pending approval. Glioblastoma is a difficult brain cancer to treat, however, RGI researchers discovered that F16 is a drug that inhibits new blood vessel growth in cancer (tumors).

#### OTHER IMPORTANT NSU/RGI PROJECTS

#### PEDIATRIC NEUROBLASTOMA PROJECT

In addition to the Glioblastoma treatment, RGI has also initiated the testing of F16 and JFD for the treatment of Neuroblastoma, a devastating cancer that occurs in children. Neuroblastoma also thrives because of new vessel formation that supplies oxygen and nutrients to the blood, enabling the cancerous cells to spread to other vital organ systems. Screening of the F16, JFD, and its analogs for treating Neuroblastoma is ongoing which will help us to complete the pre-clinical evaluation of the lead compound by the end of this year (2023).

#### **NEUROFIBROMA PROJECT**

Neurofibromatosis, also known as Type 2 Neurofibroma (NF2), is a condition with an occurrence frequency of 1 in 25 – 33,000. The NF2 patients may develop multiple tumors in the cranial, spinal, and peripheral nerves alongside tumors in the spinal cord. Currently, the FDA approved drug Avastin is used for controlling tumor growth and to improve hearing in patients with NF2. Since the RGI drugs F16 and JFD also show anti-angiogenic effects similar to Avastin, the Institute has initiated a new project that will be running alongside of the Pediatric Neuroblastoma project.

#### PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY PROJECT

Chemotherapy drugs can induce a debilitating side-effect called Chemotherapy Induced Peripheral Neuropathy (CIPN). Development of CIPN causes severe pain and can affect patients' abilities to walk, write, or even button a shirt. CIPN can last for weeks, months, or even years after chemotherapy treatment is done. In the most severe cases of CIPN, patients experience changes in heart rate and blood pressure, trouble breathing, paralysis, and organ failure.

Early intervention of CIPN may save the lives of many cancer patients. The RGI of NSU launched research for finding new biomarkers in the blood and epigenetic biomarkers from the DNA of cancer patients through liquid biopsy approach. RGI has begun testing 50 Multiple Myeloma cancer patients who are being treated at the Cleveland Clinic of Florida in 2023. Once the biomarkers for detecting the very beginning of CIPN are discovered, RGI will expand this study to 200 more patients with other types of cancers.

#### **MELANOMA PROJECT**

The National Cancer Institute estimates there are more than 900,000 people living with melanoma in the US. Melanoma is one of the major cancers that is found in 'Sunny Florida'. Despite recent advances in melanoma drug discovery, the average overall survival for patients with late-stage metastatic melanoma is less than 3 years. Instances of complete response are very rare; therefore, more life-prolonging therapies are needed.

Recent *in vivo* proof-of-principle efficacy and toxicity studies using small molecules discovered by RGI demonstrate that spliceosomal proteins hnRNPH1 and H2 (H1/H2) can be targeted without overt toxicity to induce melanoma-specific cell death.

Based on these considerations, RGI hypothesizes that targeting of H1/H2 could be a much needed and effective broad-spectrum melanoma therapy.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL COLLABORATIONS** (current and previous) include:

- Cleveland Clinic of Florida (ongoing): Collaborative agreement between RGI and Cleveland Clinic of Florida for discovering biomarkers using a Liquid Biopsy strategy for detecting Chemotherapy Induced Peripheral Neuropathy. Testing of human samples began in March 2023.
- Miami Cancer Institute, MCI (ongoing): In 2022, RGI established a collaboration with MCI to determine the cellular basis of prostate cancer disparities among different ethnic groups.
- University of Miami (ongoing): Dr. James E. Hoffman of the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center is serving as a collaborator and advisor on RGI's CIPN project. The project analyzes human samples for biomarker discovery.
- Moffitt Cancer Center Florida (ongoing): RGI Scientist Dr. Dmitriy Minond is collaborating with Keiran Smalley, Ph.D. of Moffitt Cancer Center Florida. The two are jointly publishing papers and applying, as collaborators, for grant funding.
- Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota (2015): In 2015, RGI scientists engaged with scientists at the Mayo Clinic to study the Clinic's animal models for brain cancer (glioblastoma) research with the goal of recreating the model at the NSU Center for Collaborative Research
- Lombardi Cancer Center at Georgetown University (2010): RGI originally discovered the antiangiogenic use of F16 and JFD molecules in 2010 resulted from a collaboration with the Lombardi Cancer Center at Georgetown University. The proposed therapeutic applications for the F16 and JFD molecules were patented by RGI in 2011.

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