Final Report: An Automated Analyzer System to Strengthen Teaching and Research Infrastructure at West Virginia State University

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Scientific Progress

Principal Accomplishments:

a. One Postdoctoral fellow was trained using the automated Arena 60 Discrete Photometric Analyzer and associated equipment, and was able to develop and validate protocols for the analyses of mitochondrial complexes enzymatic activities.

b. One graduate student obtained Master of Science in Biotechnology and utilized the instrumentations in the generation of data for his Master of Science thesis.

c. Currently, another graduate student is using the instrumentations for analyses of samples for his Master Science thesis while three undergraduate students are using the equipment for the directed student research to fulfill their requirements for honors program in the Department of Biology.

d. Future research focus of the PD that involves high throughput enzyme kinetics and biochemical analyses requiring spectrophotometric analyses will be performed with this instrumentation. Other instruments purchased with funds from this project will be used in future research undertaken by the PD.

Recently Published Papers on Mitochondria Energetics:


Presentation Mitochondria Energetics:


Summary of the research Project:

The PD is involved in research activities that span nutrition, biochemistry, physiology, molecular biology and genomics and has utilized these instruments sample preparations and analyses. PD and his research group have studied and continue to study the interface between dietary manipulations, temperature and nuclear- and mitochondrial-encoded genes involved in oxidative metabolism; and determine the potential role of nutrients and non-dietary factors (temperature) in the molecular modulation of protein and gene expression levels that influence nutrient retention efficiency, growth and development in fishes at different live history stages. These acquired instrumentation together with existing equipment have contributed to successful completion of projects funded by other federal government agencies and the results from various studies are contained in the publications listed above.

Technology Transfer
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Equipment Purchased: The following instrumentations were purchased from different vendors:


2. Tissue Lyser II with tungsten carbide beads, 96 well 3 mm bead dispenser, and adapter sets ($12,254.40); Vendor: QIAGEN Inc., 27220 Turnberry Lane, Suite 200, Valencia, CA 91355-1005, 1-800-718-2056, [www.qiagen.com](http://www.qiagen.com); Catalog or Part number: 85300, 69997, 69982, 69984, 69973.

3. Centrifuge, multipurpose, Eppendorf, Model 5810R with 4 x 500 mL Rotor, 4 x 13 mm O.D. Adapters and 4 x 16 mm O.D. Adapters (Clinical Package) ($13,508.25); Vendor: Fisher Scientific Company LLC, 4500 Turnberry Drive, Hanover Park, IL 60133, 1-800-766-7000, [www.fishersci.com](http://www.fishersci.com), Catalog or Part number: 05-413-326.

Technical Summary of the Project: The specific objectives of this grant request were: 1) to secure funds for the purchase of an automated chemistry analyzer system with the ancillary instrumentations such as tissue Lyser II and refrigerated multipurpose centrifuge, which are necessary for the successful continuance and expansion of current research programs of the project director (PD) and collaborating scientists, and 2) to increase the participation of underrepresented students in STEM disciplines such as chemistry and biology through familiarity with the use of an advanced equipment such as the requested automated analyzer system.

The research projects that benefited from the purchase of the automated Arena 60 Discrete Photometric Analyzer are: 1) Mitochondrial Oxidative Bioenergetics, 2) Aqueous Metal-Ion Complexation Utilizing Solid-Supported Water-Soluble Ligands, and 3) Enzymatic Glycan Treatment and Characterization.

Project 1: Mitochondrial Oxidative Bioenergetics

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The Arena 60 Discrete Photometric Analyzer was used in high throughput enzyme kinetic analyses and protein determination.

The tissue Lyser II and refrigerated multipurpose centrifuge were used in sample preparation for biochemical and gene expression analyses.

Aqueous Metal-ion Complexation: This work has focused on the extraction of Fe(II), and Zn(II), ions from aqueous solution utilizing ligands mounted on an insoluble solid support. Four extractors, identified as Ext. 1, Ext. 3, Ext.5, and 3-aminopropyl-functionalized silica gel (APFSG) were utilized. Batch extractions were performed followed by filtration. The Fe(II) and Zn(II) ion concentrations in the filtrates were determined by redox and EDTA titrations respectively. Extractions of over 90% of the metal ions were observed with APFSG. The next phase of this project shall utilize the Arena 60 Discrete Photometric Analyzer to determine the extent of extraction of the anions, e.g., SO4²⁻ and NO3⁻.

Enzymatic Glycan treatment and characterization: Currently, there is development and validation of protocols for the detection of glycosylation changes and the characterization of glycans, and Arena 60 Discrete Photometric Analyzer will be optimized and utilized to characterize N-linked glycans, in an automated workflow solution. The Arena 60 will be for analyses of the synthesized mutant proteins for rapid analytical comparisons.