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ABSTRACT

The University of Illinois Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology (CNST) has been leading the way in facilitating research leading to the development of ultra-small, ultra-light, wirelessly-connected nano devices and materials for nanomedicine. Preliminary results from research conducted at the Micro and Nanotechnology Laboratory (MNTL) using some of the equipment purchased from AFOSR grant. The grant enabled University of Illinois to markedly transform the recently expanded MNTL from being primarily compound semiconductor and micro/nano electronics facility, to also being a state-of-the-art multidisciplinary bionanotechnology laboratory space. This has not only helped the laboratory in conducting cutting-edge research, but also has been used in training the next generation workforce in bionanotechnology addressing such issues as battlefield injuries, viruses, and cancer. It also has enabled the CNST and MNTL to leverage extra-mural funding. The florescent optical microscope (Olympus IX 81) was used to study cardiac cells cultured on substrates with varying stiffness. Equipment is being used for screening a small molecule compound library for drug molecules that have the capability for treating Parkinson's Disease.

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FINAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The University of Illinois Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology (CNST) working with several laboratories including the Micro and Nanotechnology Laboratory had envisaged the important role nanotechnology will play in the area of bone and tissue engineering. Some of the applications, which were conceived of included:

- Artificial skin for tissue reconstruction, burn, and wound healing
- Tissues and organ development using nanopatterned scaffolds
- Impregnation of substances for surface healing

The CNST is leading the way in facilitating research leading to the development of ultra-small, ultra-light, wirelessly-connected nano devices and materials for nanomedicine. This report discusses the research conducted at the Micro and Nanotechnology Laboratory (MNTL) using some of the equipment purchased from AFOSR grant. A list of equipment purchased from the AFOSR grant and equipment purchased from the College of Engineering, University of Illinois matching funds is provided in Appendix I.

1. Personnel Supported: List professional personnel (Faculty, Post-Docs, Graduate Students, etc.) supported by and/or associated with the research effort. : **N/A; None**

2. Publications: List peer-reviewed publications submitted and/or accepted during the 12-month period starting the previous 1 October (or since start for new awards).

- i. “A General Method for Discovering Inhibitors of Protein-DNA Interactions Using SRU Photonic Crystal Biosensors,” Leo L. Chan, Maria F. Pineda, James T. Heeres, Paul J. Hergenrother, and Brian T. Cunningham, *ACS Chemical Biology*, *in press*, 2008
- ii. “A General Method for Discovering Inhibitors of Protein-DNA Interactions Using SRU BIND Optical Biosensor Microplates,” Leo L. Chan, Maria F. Pineda, James T. Heeres, Paul J. Hergenrother, and Brian T. Cunningham, *Society of Biomolecular Screening*, St. Louis, Missouri, April 2008

3. Interactions/Transitions:

Leveraging the Grant

For Funding

The AFOSR equipment grant has enabled us to generate preliminary data and to highlight recent bionanomedical equipment to submit a series of proposals to various funding agencies. Similarly, research papers have been submitted to journals, and conference presentations have been made; projects leveraging the purchased equipment, and proposals submitted as of this report are provided in Appendices II-V..

For Training

Summer Course: July 30-Aug. 3, 2007 at the University of Illinois Micro and Nanotechnology Laboratory and other laboratories associated with the Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology (CNST), and the Center for Cellular Mechanics (CCM). www.ccm.uiuc.edu
PIs/Instructors: Taher Saif, Mechanical Science and Engineering(MechSE)/CCM; Brian Cunningham, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Course Coordinators: Taher Saif, MechSE; Irfan Ahmad, Associate Director, CNST; and Hanafy Fouly, Research Specialist, College of Agriculture; University of Illinois.

- The week-long hands-on summer course explored the relevant concepts and tools to understand the question of mechano sensitivity of cells.
- The objective of the course was to educate students, post docs, and faculty from engineering, biological and medical sciences about the basics of mechanics, thermodynamics, physiology, cell structure, and molecular biology in light of cell mechanosensitivity.
- The course had an hands-on component to train students on nano-fabrication, and basic cell culture.



Figure 1. University of Illinois Mechanosensitivity and Nanofabricated Devices Hands-on Summer Course 2007 trainees (left) exploring cell mechano-sensitivity, involving cell adhesion, growth pattern, motility, and cytoskeletal organization; and (right) photonic biocrystal sensor development, at the Micro and Nanotechnology Laboratory. Also covered nanofabrication involving lithography, silicon etching, film deposition and micro fluidics. The objective of the hands-on training was to familiarize researchers from the Washington University Medical School in Saint Louis and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, along with 27 other institutions with nanofabrication techniques and mechanosensitivity, to enable nurturing of new ideas, and to foster multi-disciplinary research and education in the area of nanomedicine.

4. New discoveries, inventions, or patent disclosures. (If none, report None.) : None

5. Honors/Awards: List honors and awards received during the grant/contract period. List lifetime achievement honors such as Nobel Prize, honorary doctorates, and society fellowships prior to this effort.: **None**

Additional Information

Capacity Building and Research

The newly expanded \$18 million Illinois state funded Micro and Nanotechnology Laboratory has a mission to create, support, and sustain an environment to facilitate advanced research in photonics, microelectronics, biotechnology and nanotechnology for the benefit of the university community, the state of Illinois, and the nation.

The AFOSR grant has markedly helped in transforming the recently expanded MNTL from being compound semiconductor and micro/nano electronics facility, to also being a state-of-the-art bionanotechnology laboratory space, as envisioned prior to the recent expansion. This has not only helped MNTL in under-taking cutting-edge research, some of which is highlighted in the next section, but also being used in training the next generation workforce, addressing such issues as battlefield injuries, viruses, and cancer, by working at the confluence of biotechnology and nanotechnology, Nanomedicine, and mechanobiology.

Research and Development

The liquid-handling equipment is being used for several projects. In particular the:

- Beckman Coulter Biomek NXP 384-well Automated Liquid Handling Station
- BioTek NanoQuot Liquid Dispenser
- BioTek ELx405 Microplate Washer

Another project (PI: Brian Cunningham, ECE/MNTL) funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded project for screening a small molecule compound library for drug molecules that

have the capability for treating Parkinson's Disease. Protein-DNA interaction is a very important process that maintains normal functions in the human body. A special protein-DNA interaction called Apoptosis,

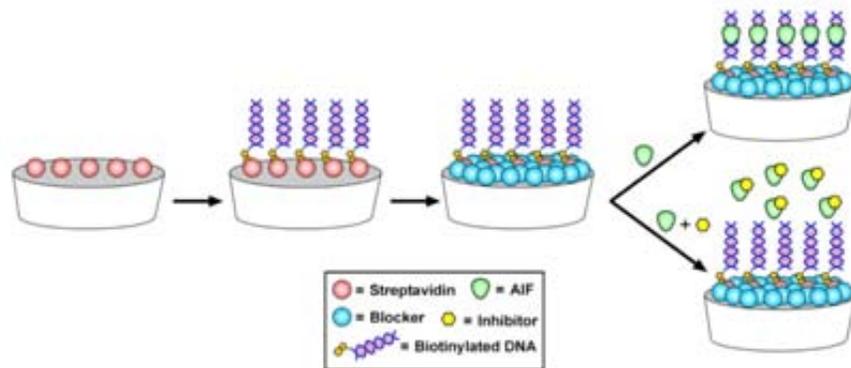


Figure 2. Protein-DNA binding experiments performed with PC biosensors. Streptavidin coated biosensors are used to bind biotinylated DNA oligomers. After overnight incubation, Starting Block™ (Pierce Biotechnologies) is added to prevent nonspecific binding, and finally AIF is added.

where a protein called Apoptosis Inducing Factor (AIF) located in cell's mitochondria can translocate into nucleus, bind to the DNA, and causes DNA fragmentation. This process occurs normally in programmed cell death, but in neuro-degenerative diseases such as Parkinson's or Huntington disease, Apoptosis occurs often in the brain that causes unnecessary cell death. Thus, the objective is to find a certain drug that can inhibit the interaction between AIF and DNA to prevent unnecessary Apoptosis. In pharmaceutical companies, millions of small molecules (drugs) are screened to find cures for various diseases. However, the methods that companies employ are time consuming and expensive. In this work, we developed a screening protocol using photonic crystal biosensor potentially for pharmaceutical high throughput screening, which can rapidly examine 200,000

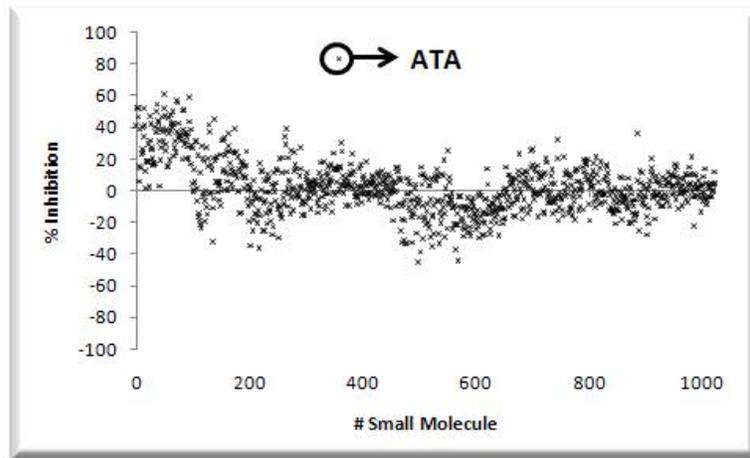


Figure 3. Inhibition data for all compounds screened, where ATA is the only compound out of the ~1000 screened to show significantly higher inhibition (~80%).

small molecules for possible inhibitors. Funded by the NIH, this work is the first time that high throughput screening is performed using label free detection system on 200,000 small molecules. The research is in collaboration with Dr. Paul Hergenrother and James Heeres in the departments of biochemistry and chemistry, University of Illinois.

Funds were used to purchase components for an Enhanced Fluorescence Microscope. Using a photonic crystal structure with an optical resonance that matches the wavelength of a laser used to excite fluorescent molecules, we can excite adsorbed fluorescent-tagged biomolecules and cells to emit more light than they would on an ordinary surface. At the same time, a photonic crystal surface can also have a resonance at the wavelength of light given off by fluorescent molecules, so that emitted photons can be directed toward a microscope objective. The enhanced excitation and extraction phenomena can be used to detect fluorescent-tagged proteins and DNA with greater sensitivity than currently-used methods. However, commercially available instrumentation currently represents a significant bottleneck in maximizing the performance of photonic-crystal enhanced fluorescence. We are currently developing a fluorescence microscope-based enhanced fluorescence instrument that provides highly efficient light coupling to and extraction from a photonic crystal. CCD-based imaging enables large-area, high-resolution and high-throughput analysis. The prototype instrument also provides label-free imaging using a nearly identical beam path as that used for enhanced fluorescence. This allows complimentary images to be precisely overlaid in order to provide spatially registered images of enhanced fluorescence and surface-bound molecular density. Furthermore, additional imaging techniques available on the microscope, including brightfield and phase contrast, can also be overlaid. We anticipate these new capabilities will

significantly reduce current DNA and protein microarray detection limits and will open the door to new techniques for studying cellular adhesion, motility, and membrane-bound protein expression. Funding for this project is provided by the NSF and SRU Biosystems.

The general-purpose lab instruments, including

- Eppendorf 5415D Centrifuge
- Eppendorf 5415R Centrifuge
- Eppendorf 5810R Centrifuge
- Fisher Scientific Isotemp202 Heater Ultrasonic Bath (2)
- MilliQ Advantage A Water Purification System
- Labline 3D Rotator
- Vortex Mixers
- Thermo Electron Orion 3 Star pH Meter
- Metler Toledo XS205 Dual Range Digital Balance
- Denver Instrument APX-100 Digital Balance

Are being used in the following project:

- **Environmental detection of soybean rust spores (PIs/co-PIs: Brian Cunningham, ECE; Irfan Ahmad, CNST; College of Engineering; Glen Hartman, USDA, and Linda Kull, SDBC, College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES). Funding: C-FAR, SDBC, and USDA.**

Asian soybean rust is a major soybean disease which can cause premature defoliation, early maturity, low seed weight, few pod and seed production. Early detection prior to visible symptoms may be critical for timing fungicide applications. In this project, we collaborate with Prof. Glen L. Hartman of the department of crop sciences at UIUC trying to detect soybean rust spores using label-free photonic crystal biosensors. The detection system enables imaging of the spores attached to the sensor surface without the use of fluorescent labels or stains. This study may represent the first use of photonic crystal biosensors for detection of rust spores and may be the first step in reaching the goal towards developing an economical and field deployable detection system. Funding for this project is provided by Soybean Disease Biotechnology Center (SDBC) and Illinois Council on Food and Agricultural Research (C-FAR).

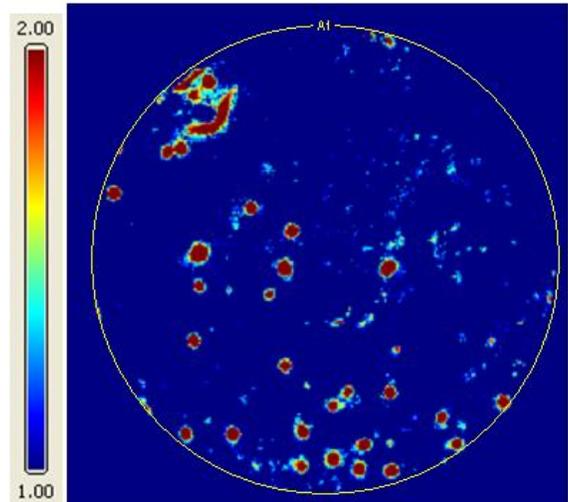


Figure 4. An image of spores/spores clusters on photonic crystal biosensor surface. Attachment of the spores to the sensor surface results in a highly localized increase of the resonant peak wavelength value (PWV) shown as red in color.

And also the following USAID project:

Nanomedicine for Cancer Research

Collaborators: Dr. Brian Cunningham; ECE; Dr. Kenneth L. Watkin, College of Applied Health Sciences and Beckman Institute; and Dr. Irfan Ahmad, Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology.

Plant Extracts provided by:

Professor R Chowdhury

University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

USAID Project with the University of Karachi HEJ Chemistry Institute (Prof. Attiya Abbasi).

Sources of Funding:

National Science Foundation Grant No. 0427657, SRU Biosystems, and USAID program.

A label-free method has been developed to observe the biological activity of human breast cancer cells using photonic crystal biosensors incorporated within 96-well microplates. This method is used to study cell attachment, proliferation, and detachment induced by the exposure of cells to potential drug compounds. The biosensors and associated imaging instrument enable quantitative measurements and visualization of cell populations attached to the sensor surface with single cell resolution. Cells are not stained with proprietary reagents that typically induce the death of the cells under study. Repeated measurement of the same cells can be made without removing them from their culture environment which allows for the direct determination of proliferation and apoptosis rates. Furthermore, the assay is simpler and more rapid than alternative cell proliferation assays and can be used for high throughput screening applications. Using this method, the effect of 61 different plant extracts on breast cancer cells has been studied, in which some extracts were shown to reduce cell proliferation while some others enhanced the rate of proliferation. The results are applicable to a wide range of cell types and compound libraries and an assay for human pancreatic cancer cells is currently under development.

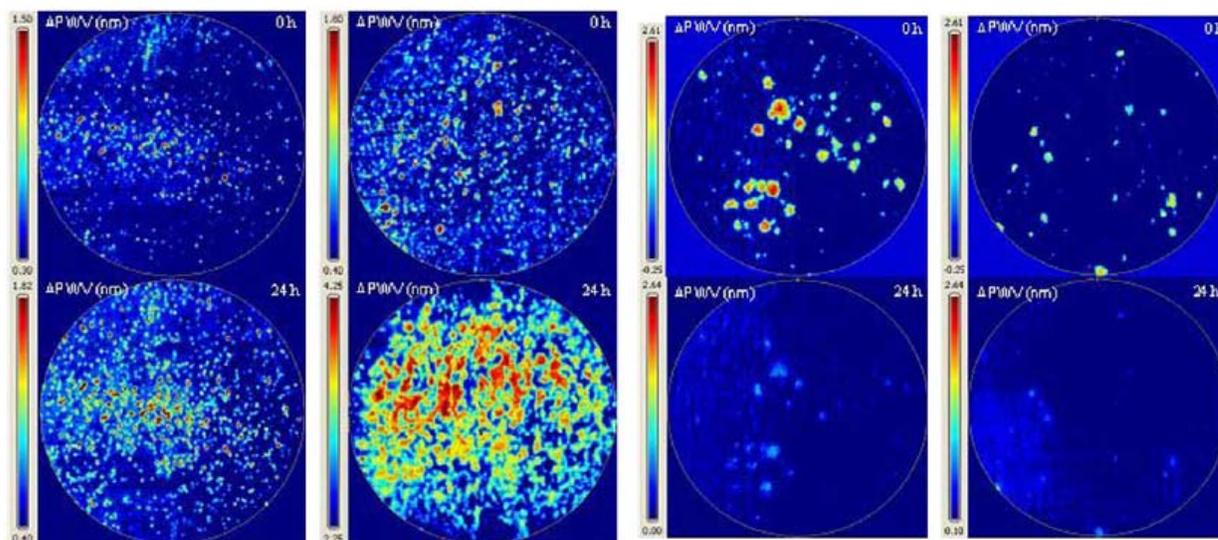


Figure 5: Peak Wavelength Shifts of a 6mm diameter well after breast cancer cell attachment (upper) and 24 hours after attachment (down) without chemical exposure (a) with exposure to a plant extract *Sapindus Mukurossi*, which enhanced cell proliferation (b) with exposure to a known drug *Doxorubicin*, which reduced cell proliferation (c) with exposure to a plant extract *Curcumin*, which reduced cell proliferation

Study of Cardiac Cells

The florescent optical microscope (Olympus IX 81) is being used to study cardiac cells cultured on substrates with varying stiffness. In the near future, the same microscope will be used to study adhesion between cancer cells (funded by National Science Foundation (NSF)). (PI: Taher Saif, MechSE/CCM/MNTL).

Conclusion. The AFOSR equipment grant helped the University of Illinois Micro and Nanotechnology Laboratory to rapidly develop bionanomedical capabilities for conducting research and training pertaining to battlefield injuries, viruses, cancer, cardio-, and neural disorders.

APPENDIX I: List of equipment purchased from the AFOSR grant, and College of Engineering, University of Illinois matching funds.

AFOSR Equipment Purchased
FA9550-07-10-0065 and Matching

| Item Description | Purchase Order # | Amount | Inventory # | Room # |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------|--------|
| Titramax 100 shaker | PCA0EU0M | 1229.67 | F26611 | 3119 |
| under \$500 items 12/07 | P0135066 | 250.92 | - | 3119 |
| Mini horizontal system | P0135066 | 248.6 | - | 3119 |
| Q-gard, T2 | P0135066 | 331.24 | - | 3119 |
| Quantum tex | P0135066 | 288.59 | - | 3119 |
| Millipak express | P0135066 | 130.2 | - | 3119 |
| Mobile Stand, NAPCO | P0135066 | 385.59 | - | 3119 |
| Napco CO2 gas reg (2*279.22) | P0135066 | 558.44 | - | 3119 |
| Eppendorf centrifuge | P0135066 | 1869.15 | F26612 | 3119 |
| Eppendorf centrifuge | P0135066 | 4398.75 | F26613 | 3119 |
| Analytical balance | P0135066 | 3923.75 | F26614 | 3119 |
| Digital water bath | P0135066 | 579.56 | F26615 | 3119 |
| Lab rotator, Barnstead | P0135066 | 639.4 | F26616 | 3119 |
| Horizontal gel box | P0135066 | 610.5 | F26617 | 3119 |
| Recirc midi-horz sytem electrophoresis | P0135066 | 573.5 | F26618 | 3119 |
| Recirc horz sytem electrophoresis | P0135066 | 809.38 | F26619 | 3119 |
| Sonic cleaner tmr htr 4 qt | P0135066 | 508.23 | F26637 | 3119 |
| Microscope, inverted, digital | P0135066 | 4611 | F26625 | 3119 |
| Millipore Q-pod to go w/water purificaion system | P0135066 | 1274.14 | F26622 | 3119 |
| Water bath digial | P0135066 | 652.35 | F26623 | 3119 |
| Thermo Forma Cryo Tank 100 liters for LN | P0135066 | 3428.98 | F26630 | 3119 |
| Nanoquote microplate dispenser (Fisher Sci) | P0135091 | 13885.5 | F26624 | 3119 |
| Spectrophotometers, Atomic Absorption, Nanodrop Tech | P0135080 | 10370 | F26627 | 3119 |
| Microplate washer w/ultrasonic advantage (Fisher Sci) (Nanoquote) | P0135091 | 15008.13 | F26628 | 3119 |
| Napco, CO2, incubator | P0135066 | 6037.2 | F26632 | 3119C2 |
| Napco, CO2, incubator | P0135066 | 6037.2 | F26631 | 3119C3 |
| Milli-Q Advantage A10 water purifier | P0135066 | 6685.2 | F26629 | 3119 |
| Lab refrigerator, 45.8 cu. Ft. | P0135066 | 5978.28 | F26635 | 3119 |
| Freezer value si ult below 86C (Thermo Fisher) | P0135066 | 10301.83 | F26636 | 3119A |
| FY07 Total | | 101605.28 | | |
| Installation costs for Milli-Q (\$448and 298) | P0135066 | 746 | - | 3119 |
| Mobile Stand, NAPCO | P0140826 | 385.59 | - | 3119 |
| Plate Reader, fluor/multi detec rdr w/inje (Biotek) | P0135066 | 33529.69 | F26633 | 3119 |
| Multichannel well plate liquid dispenser (Beckman Coulter) | P0139653 | 119586.35 | F26641 | 3119A |
| Flow cytometer (Guava Technologies) | P0139601 | 109934.09 | F26640 | 3119C2 |
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| ALD-reactor and 2 hot precursor liens, Cambridge Nanotech | P0146196 | 129995 | F26662 | 232 |

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| Electron Microscopy Equipment, Olympus | P0150118 | 57135.85 | F26660 | 3119C5 |
| Fixed stage reflected light microscope, Olympus | P0150118 | 36471.9 | F26663 | 3119C5 |
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| Electron Microscopy Equip, motorized research microscope, Olympus | P0150118 | 134661.18 | F26664 | 3119C5 |
| Atomic Force Microscope, Asylum Research | P0148224 | 233050 | F26666 | 3119C1 |
| Portion of P0146196 to matching | J0923381 | -6181.88 | | |
| Probe System, Janis Research | P0143179 | 106960 | F58902 | 1321 |
| Paid by ECE ICR | | -53480 | | |
| Total FY08 | | 898394.72 | | |
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Supplies/Biolab

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| Sciencelab.com | PCA0E0PL | 421.13 | | |
| Labconco.com | PCA0FAH4 | 670.26 | | |
| Campbell Hausefe | PCA0HTWV | 39.91 | | |
| Edmund Optics | PCA0KVFX | 1065.75 | | |
| Newport Corp. and shipping | PCA0KVFY | 293.19 | | |
| National Instruments | PCA0KZ7Z | 1063.26 | | |
| UPS and Fedex charges | PCA0K2BE/K4UY | 27.63 | | |
| Newport Corp. | PCA0L0X5 | 48.23 | | |
| Edmond Optics | PCA0L1UB | 445 | | |
| Thorlabs, Inc. (equipment under \$500) | PCA0LUZ0/910 | 2233.67 | | |
| Zaber Technologies | PCA0L4D8 | 56 | | |
| Valuetax | PCA0M563 | 172.68 | | |
| Maxstores | PCA0LVH7 | 279 | | |
| Thorlabs | PCA0M8G7/8 | 1291.76 | | |
| Credit, Newport | PCA0MH0W/X | -209.21 | | |
| Thorlabs, Inc. (equipment under \$500) | PCA0M8G7/8 | 780 | | |
| Roadway, shipping P0148224 | PCA0NJ54 | 737.96 | | |
| VWR | PCA0NRKV | 912.3 | | |
| Shipping of Thorlabs, F26675 below | PCA0NPHB | 146 | | |
| VWR | J0923406 | 334.74 | | |
| Dynalab (LN containers) | J0923396 | 2268.25 | | |
| Total supplies | | 13077.51 | | |

Equipment

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|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|--------|
| Actuator from Newport | PCA0KVFY | 1399 | F26657 | 3119 |
| Mirror mount from Newport | PCA0KVFY | 1053 | F26656 | 3119 |
| FB3000 Electrophoresis Power supply | P0149815 | 1855.3 | F26646 | 3119 |
| FB3000 Electrophoresis Power supply | P0149815 | 1855.3 | F26647 | 3119 |
| Titramax 100 shaker | P0149815 | 1020 | F26645 | 3119C1 |
| Motorized linear stage | PCA0KVFZ | 1060 | F26655 | 3119 |
| SCM100C Driver/controller | PCA0L0X5 | 770 | F26658 | 3119 |
| Computer from Central Stores | GSS03774 | 2150.4 | G77957 | 3119 |
| CCD Camera 512xz512 BT frame grabber | P0156285 | 35150 | F26672 | 3119C5 |
| Lumenera digital camera | P0156285 | 1330 | F26671 | 3119C5 |
| Olympus Model BX51W1 microscope | P0156285 | 29291.91 | F26673 | 3119C5 |

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| PSA506 Sciencedesk active isolation table | PCA0NPHB | 4625.7 | F26675 | 3119C5 |
| Portion of P0146196 to matching | J0923381 | 6181.88 | | |
| Total Equipment | | 87742.49 | | |
| Total Matching FY07 and FY08 | | 100820 | | |

**Additional NanoBiolab Equipment
(Not part of AFOSR/UIUC Matching)**

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|---|--|------|--------|--------|
| Aspirator System | | 695 | F26676 | 3119B1 |
| DC Power supply, HP | | 1315 | F58900 | 3119B1 |
| Refrigerated Bath | | 2539 | F58901 | 3119B1 |
| Kinetic Systems Vibration Isolation Table | | 2400 | F58904 | 3119B1 |

APPENDIX II: PARTIAL LIST OF PROJECTS LEVERAGING THE PURCHASED EQUIPMENT

- **Integrated Biochip Sensors for Detection of Cancer.** Funding: National Institutes of Health; Overall: \$3.22M; 2007-12. (*will leverage*)
PI: Rashid Bashir
- **Nanomedicine for Cancer Research.** Funding: USAID; Overall: ~\$0.5M; 2007-10.
PI: Kenneth Watkin, Irfan Ahmad, Brian Cunningham, University of Illinois; Attiya Abbasi, University of Karachi HEJ Chemistry Institute.
- **Nanomaterials and Nanofabrication for Cancer Therapeutics. Siteman Center of Cancer Nanotechnology Excellence (SCCNE)** with Washington University Medical School, Saint Louis, MO. Funding: National Cancer Institute; Overall: ~\$16M; 2005-10.
UIUC PI: Rashid Bashir, co-PIs: Ilesanmi Adesida, Irfan Ahmad, and Jonathan Sweedler.

APPENDIX III: LIST OF PROPOSALS SUBMITTED LEVERAGING THE PURCHASED EQUIPMENT

- 1. Micro and Nano-mediated 3D Cardiac Tissue Engineering, 2008. US Army, TATRC.**
PI: Rashid Bashir, co-PIs: Brian Cunningham, Taher Saif, Larry Schook, and Hyun Kong University of Illinois.
- 2. Center for Medical and Pharmaceutical Nanotechnology. 2008.** Letter of Intent being submitted to NSF: Industry/University Cooperative Research Center.
PI: Brian Cunningham, co-PIs: Rashid Bashir, Jimmy Hsia, and Irfan Ahmad, University of Illinois.
- 3. Cellular and Molecular Mechanics and BioNanotechnology (CMMB). 2008.** Pre-proposal submitted to NSF: Integrative Graduate Education and Research Program.
PI: Rashid Bashir, co-PIs: Martha Gillette, Jimmy Hsia, Taher Saif, and Irfan Ahmad, University of Illinois; and Michael Sheetz, Columbia University.
- 4. Three-Dimensional Tissue Engineering using Stereolithography: From Computer-Aided Design to Biological Organs. 2008.** Proposal submitted to Draper Labs., MA:
PI: Rashid Bashir, co-PI: Irfan Ahmad, University of Illinois.
- 5. Rapid Label-Free Biosensor Evaluation of Medicinal Plant Extract Cytotoxicity and Proliferation Profiles in Breast Cancer Cells. 2007.** Proposal submitted to Susan Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.
PI: Kenneth L. Watkin, co-PIs: Brian T. Cunningham, and Irfan S. Ahmad, University of Illinois.

APPENDIX IV: LIST OF TRAINING COURSES HELD LEVERAGING THE PURCHASED EQUIPMENT

- MechanoSensitivity and Nanofabricated Devices: Hands-on Summer Course 2007 (national/international: 70 attendees: see table 1 for participating institutions), Urbana, Illinois. Sponsored by: UI Center for Cellular Mechanics; Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology; Siteman Center of Cancer Nanotechnology Excellence; and the National Science Foundation.

Table 1. List of mechanosensitivity summer course 2007 participating institutions.

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| 1. Boston University | 16. The Pennsylvania State University |
| 2. California Polytechnic State University | 17. University of Arkansas |
| 3. Carnegie Mellon University | 18. University of California, Irvine |
| 4. City University of Hong Kong | 19. University of Illinois |
| 5. COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Pakistan | 20. University of Maryland, College Park |
| 6. Cornell University | 21. University of Michigan |
| 7. Harvard-MIT | 22. University of Pennsylvania |
| 8. Iowa State University | 23. University of Texas |
| 9. Lehigh University | 24. University of Toledo |
| 10. Massachusetts Institute of Technology | 25. University of Washington |
| 11. North Dakota State University | 26. University of Wisconsin |
| 12. Penn State University | 27. Virginia Commonwealth University |
| 13. Purdue University | 28. Washington University in St. Louis |
| 14. Stanford University | 29. National Science Foundation |
| 15. Texas A&M University | |

APPENDIX V: LIST OF CONFERENCE RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS; LEVERAGING PURCHASED EQUIPMENT

- Abbasi, A., S. Naz, U. Zaman, I.S. Ahmad, K. Watkin, and B.T. Cunningham. 2008. Preliminary studies on biologically active proteins/peptides from medicinal plants. Annual International Meeting of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE). June 29-July 2, 2008, Providence, RI.
- Ahmad, I.S., K. Watkin, and B.T. Cunningham. 2007. Nanomedicine for Developing Cancer Therapies. Invited Presentation at the Biological Sensorics Conference of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE). June 2007, Minneapolis, MN.
