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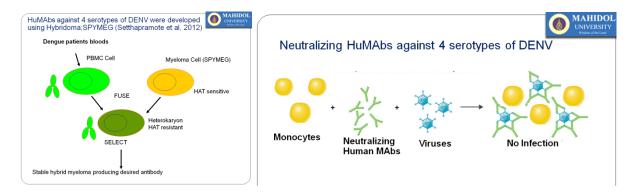
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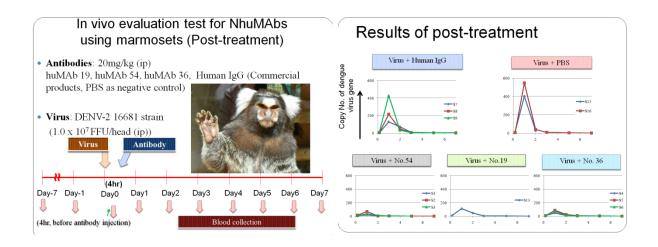


On September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014. at TAIPEI INT'L INVENTION SHOW & TECHNOMART, Taiwan, from two thousand inventions around the world, Associate Professor. Dr. Pongrama Ramasoota, Dr. Pannamthip Pitaksajjakul, and Dr. Chonlatip Pipattanaboon, from Center of Excellence for Antibody Research (CEAR), Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University, won and received the Gold Medal Award from Minister of Science & Technology, Taiwan, from their invention "Therapeutic Human Monoclonal Antibodies against 4 serotypes of Dengue virus". They also received 3 more Invention awards from World Invention Intellectual Property Association (WIIPA), International Intellectual Property Forum (IIPF), Taiwan Invention & Innovation Industry Association (TIIIA), respectively.

Since DENV infection is the World public health problem and until now there have no specific and effective treatment for DENV, so Dr. Pongrama and his team has developed the world first time "Neutralizing Human Monoclonal antibody (NhuMAb) that can block DENV infection in host cell. This NhuMAbs was developed using Thai DENV patients Peripheral Blood Mononuclear cell (PBMC) that fused with novel myeloma cell namely "SPYMEG". The fused Hybridoma cells could have functions of human antibody production from B cell and fast growing from Myeloma cell. Then, NhuMAb produced from each cultured hybridoma cell, was screen with 4 serotypes of DENV. Finally, 3 candidate NhuMAbs with more than 90% NT were obtained.



Each candidate NhuMAbs could completely neutralized 4 serotypes of DENV clinical isolates *in vitro*. Moreover, for *in vivo* experiment in DENV challenged monkeys, showed that candidate NhuMAbs completely eliminated DENV infection within 2 days.



The invention of these NhuMAbs against DENV was previously won outstanding Research Award from National Research Council of Thailand in June, 2014. This invention has been issued for USA patents and 8 more countries. Since these NhuMAbs will be further apply as therapeutic reagent in human, so NhuMAb production as recombinant IgG expressed in mammalian CHO cell, which is accepted by FDA for human used, were prepared from each Hybridoma cell.

More details of these research works can be seen from our publications and patents;

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