



# **Towards malaria vaccine development –how basic researchers open the door to product development?–**



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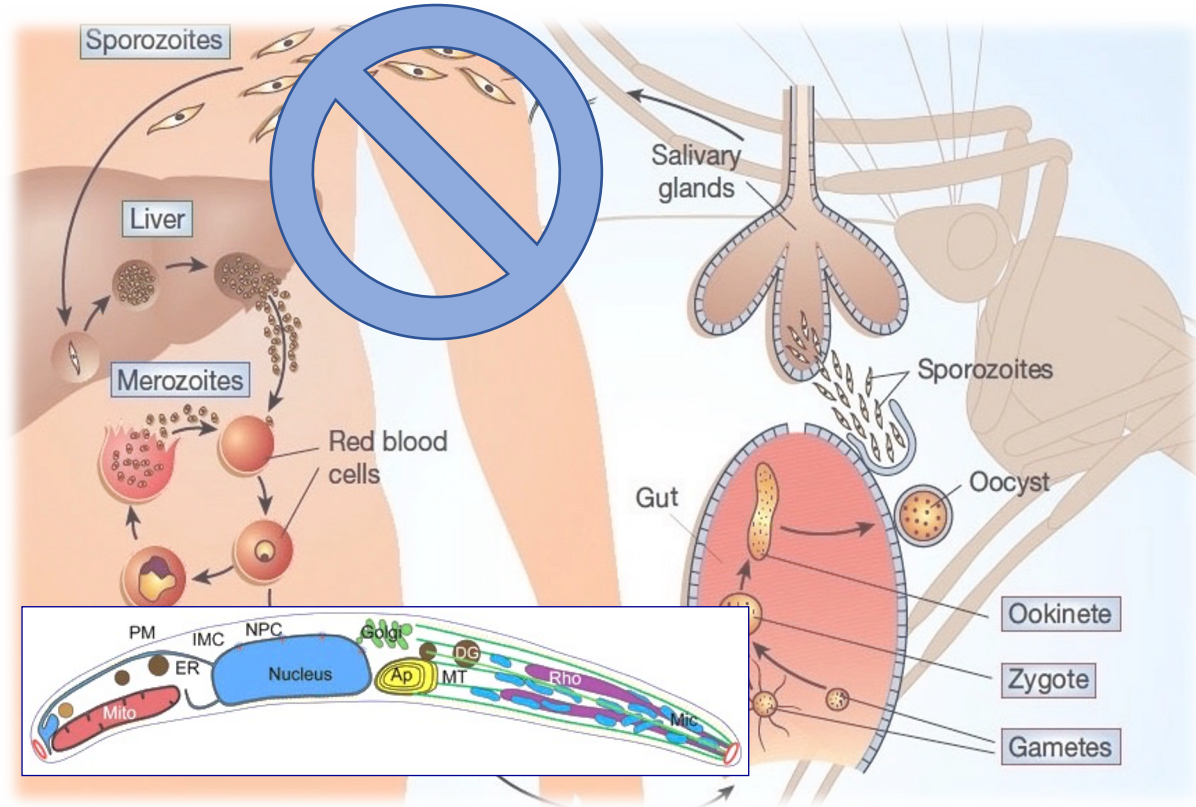
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# The first malaria vaccine to reduce infection: RTS,S

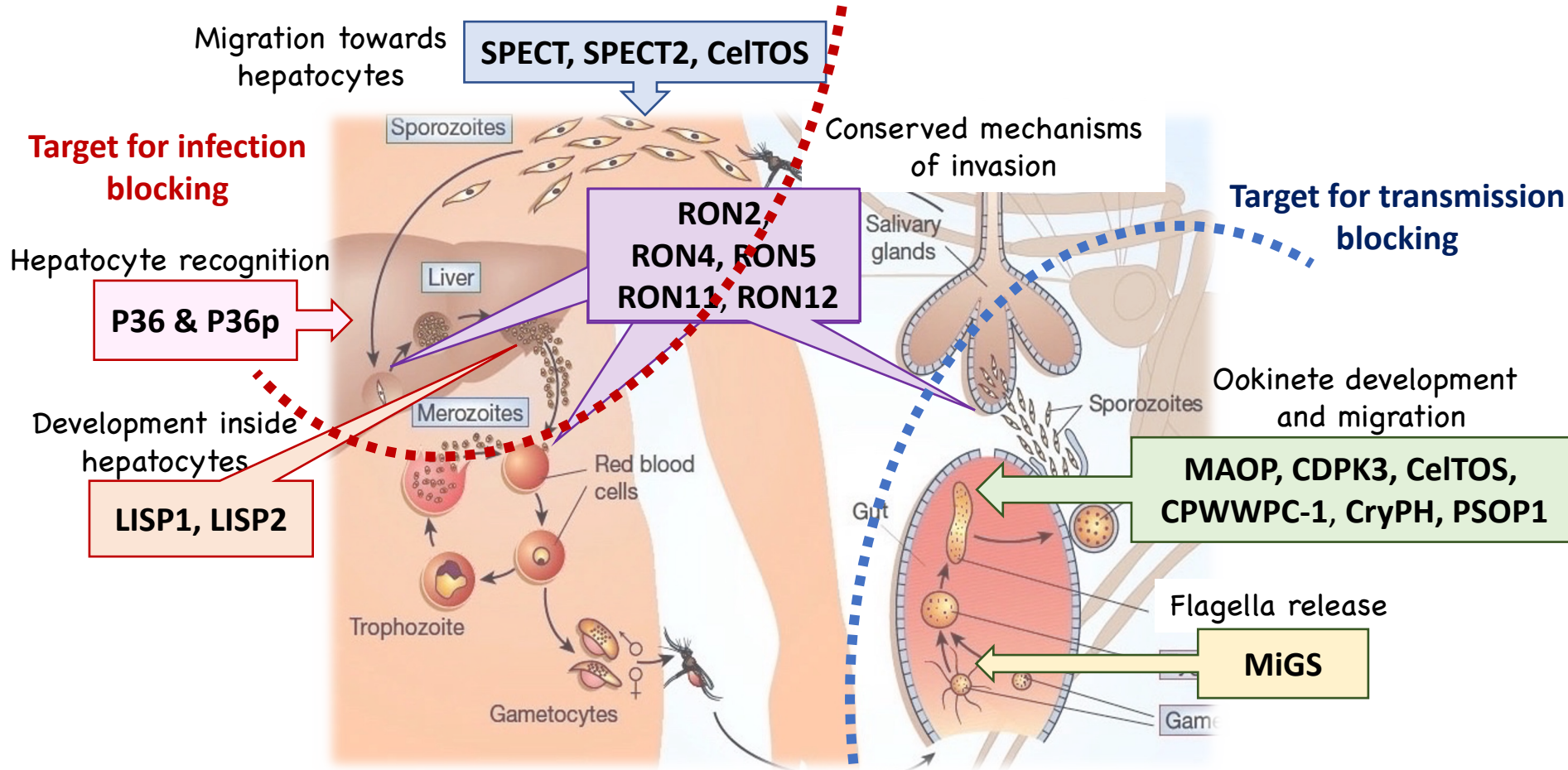


40% reduction in malaria episode.  
The effects are affected by polymorphisms in CSP.

An improved infection inhibition strategy is urgently required!



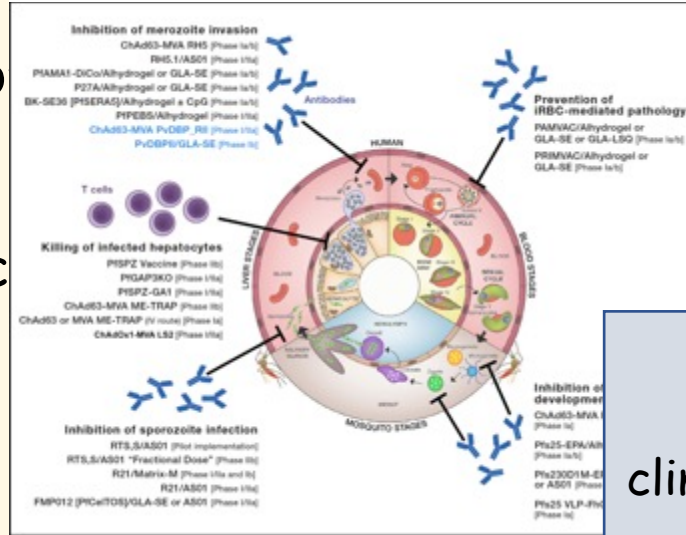
# Basic research to elucidate parasite infection



# Long road for product development

Huge amount of  
**research** required  
to identify vaccine candidates

## Clinical study, Phase I/II



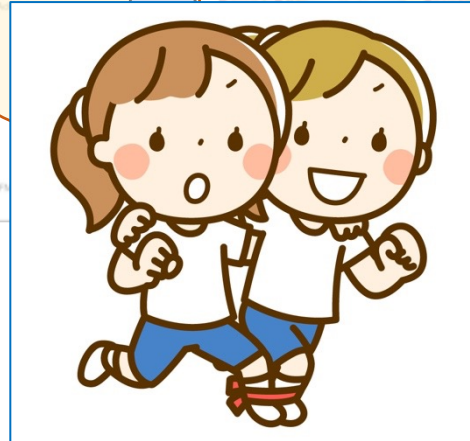
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# PDPs: Product development partners

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# The history of collaboration with PDPs



Year	Partners	Objectives/Approach
2014	PATH-MVI	Evaluating Pf75 as a <b>transmission blocking vaccine</b> target
2016	PATH-MVI	Dissecting Pfs230 for functional subdomain for <b>transmission blocking vaccine</b>
2019	PATH-MVI, SUNY	Evaluating codelivery of Pfs230 and CSP with CoPoP for <b>transmission &amp; infection blocking vaccine</b>
2020	PATH-MVI, Sumitomo Dainippon Pharm	Evaluate full-length CSP formulated with SA-1, in comparison with RTS,S/AS01 as a benchmark
2019	Mahidol University, University of Pennsylvania	Development of a novel Pvs25 nucleoside-modified mRNA vaccine that induces potent and long-lasting <b>transmission blocking immunity</b>

Catalyzed by

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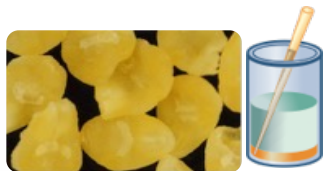
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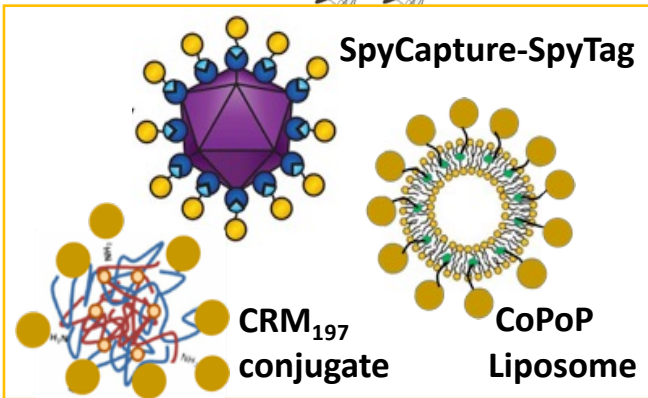
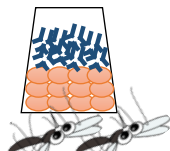
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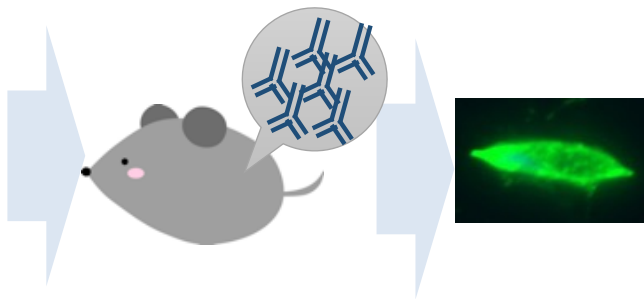
# Dissecting Pfs230 for functional subdomain (T2016-207)



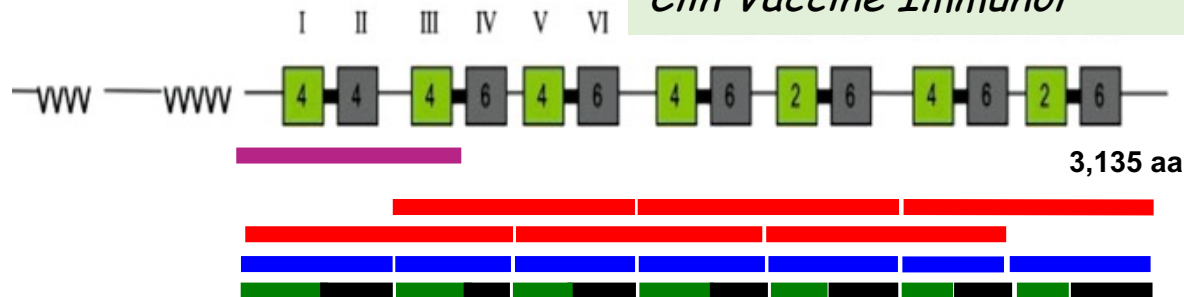
Protein production  
(Pfs230)



Evaluation of formulation



Pfs230:  
a promising target for  
transmission blocking  
vaccine  
Tachibana, Wu, *et al*, 2011,  
*Clin Vaccine Immunol*



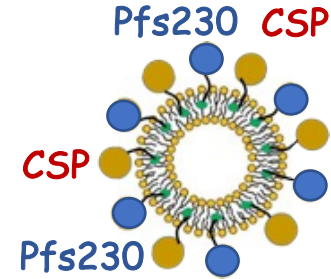
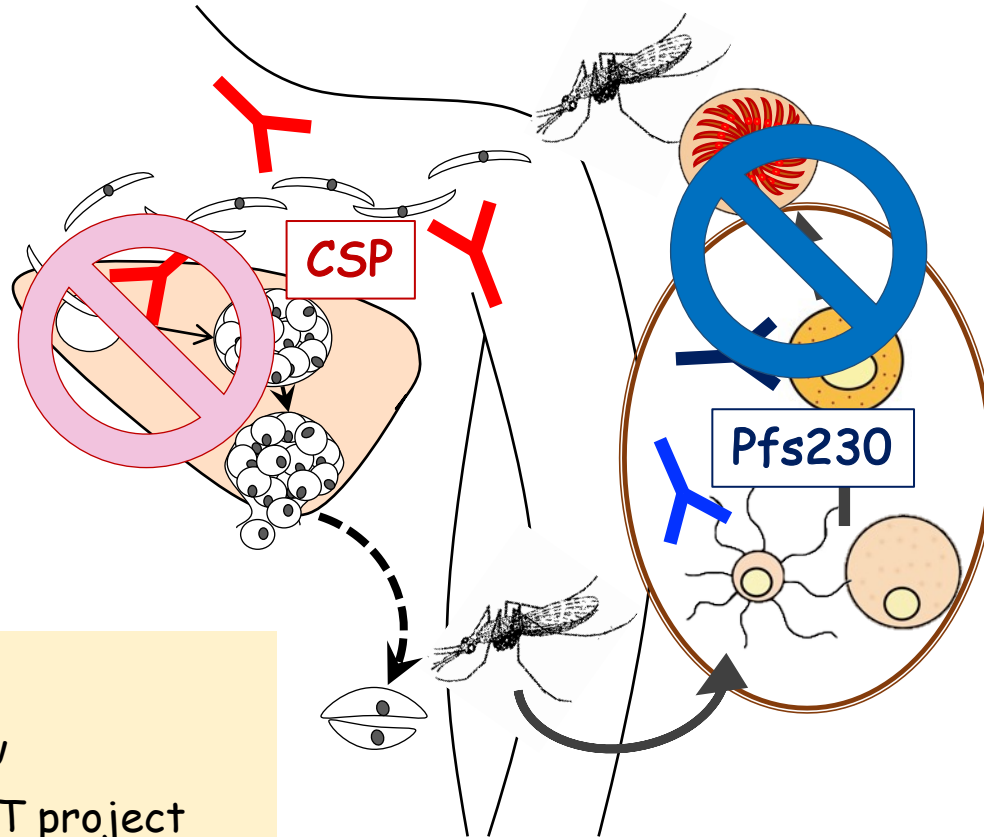
## Outcome of Partnership

- Miura *et al.*, 2022, *NPJ Vaccines*
- Tachibana *et al.*, 2019, *Vaccine*
- Continuation to next GHIT project (G2019-111)



# Co-delivery of Pfs230C1 and CSP with CoPoP for multistage malaria vaccine (G2019-111)

70-80% reduction in the parasite burden in the liver!!



CoPoP

**UB**  
University at Buffalo  
The State University of New York

## Outcome of Partnership

- Huang *et al.*, under review
- Continuation to next GHIT project

# Lessons learned, challenges and impact to our organization from the partnership

## Important for the partnership

- Common goal, vision, and passion
- Complementary skill sets and strengths
- Clear partner role and responsibility
- Respect each partner



## Impact from the partnership

- Meet more collaborators with similar aims
- Start new projects with new approaches
- Find new demands of basic research for vaccine development



Thank you!

