## SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: TALES FROM THE BENCH

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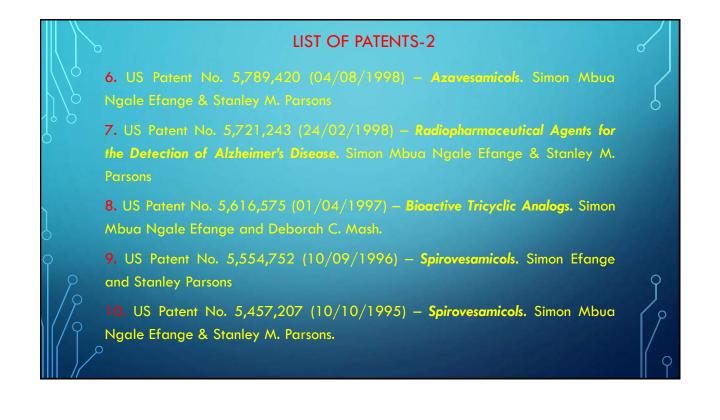
1. US Patent Appl. No. 13/420,479 of March 14/2012 - **Methods and Compositions for Preparing Noribogaine from Voacangine.** Robert M. Moriarty & Simon Mbua Ngale Efange.

2. US patent No. 6,846,817B2 (25/01/2005) - Nicotine Receptor Ligands; Inventor: Simon Mbua Ngale Efange.

3. US Patent No. 5,948,807 (07/09/1999) — Spiroindanamines and Spiroindanamides; Inventors: Simon Mbua Ngale Efange & Deborah C. Mash.

4. US Patent No. 5,929,087 (27/07/1999) - **Decahydroquinoline-based anti**cholinergic agents; Inventors: Simon Efange and Stanley Parsons.

5. US Patent No. 5,876,694 (02/03/1999)– Azavesamicols; Inventors: Simon Mbua Ngale Efange & Stanley M. Parsons.



#### LIST OF PATENTS-3

11. US Patent No. 5,358,712 (10/25/94) – Radiopharmaceutical Agents for the Detection of Alzheimer's Disease; Inventors: Simon Mbua Ngale Efange & Stanley M. Parsons.

**12.** US Patent No. 5,338,852 (16/08/1994) – Azavesamicols; Inventors: Simon Mbua Ngale Efange & Stanley M. Parsons.

**13.** US Patent No. 4,895,937 (01/23/90) – 5-lodo-2-pyrimidinone nucleoside; Inventors: Thomas J. Bardos, Yung-Chi Cheng, Alan C. Schroeder & Simon Mbua Ngale Efange.

14. US Patent No. 4,782,142 (11/01/88) - Novel 5-substituted 2-pyrimidinone nucleosides and methods of use; Inventors: Thomas J. Bardos, Yung-Chi Cheng, Alan C. Schroeder & Simon Mbua Ngale Efange.



# WHAT IS OUR BUSINESS?

# **KNOWLEDGE**

Dissemination of knowledge

Generation of new knowledge (Research)

## WHAT IS RESEARCH?

"...any gathering of data, information and facts for the advancement of knowledge."

"...performing a methodical study in order to prove a hypothesis or answer a specific question."

## WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES OF RESEARCH?

- New molecules, designs, devices
- •New methods
- •New software
- •New data

## WHERE ARE WE IN THE LARGER PICTURE?

GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX -2018 (WIPO)

1. Switzerland

- 57. India
- 2. Netherlands 58. South Africa
- 3. Sweden
- 4. United Kingdom
- 5. Singapore
- 6. U.S.A

#### 59 South A

- 111. Cameroon
- 118. Nigeria

## WHERE ARE WE IN THE LARGER PICTURE? (THE MEANS)

#### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA 2018 OPERATING BUDGET

\$3.8 billion (approx. 2,181.2 billion FCFA);

Research \$302.9 million (173.86 billion FCFA)

#### **REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON - 2019 STATE BUDGET**

Amt: 4,850.5 billion FCFA

MINESUP 2019 BUDGET - 55.95 billion FCFA

MINRESI 2019 BUDGET - 11.92 billion FCFA



## MESSAGE

Your ideas may be worth more than the paper they are written on, but you must be prepared to work harder. HOW MAY WE BENEFIT FROM OUR IDEAS & INNOVATIONS?

# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP) A category of property that includes intangible creations of the human intellect.

#### HOW IS IP PROTECTED?

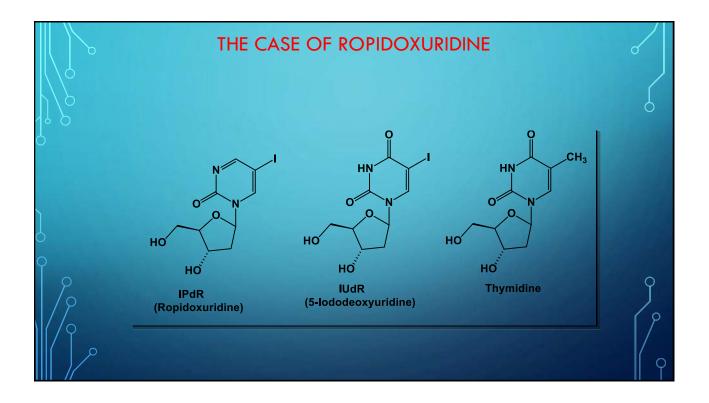
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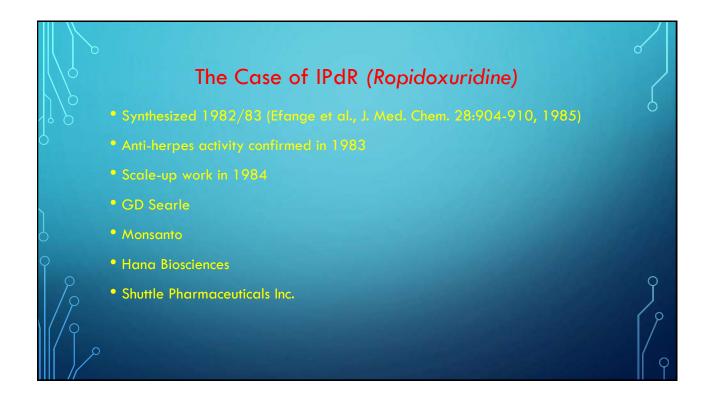
Rights that are had by a person or by a company to have exclusive rights to use its own plans, ideas, or other intangible assets without the worry of competition, at least for a specific period of time.

# HOW IS IP CLASSIFIED? • Trade Secrets • Trademarks. • Copyrights • Patents

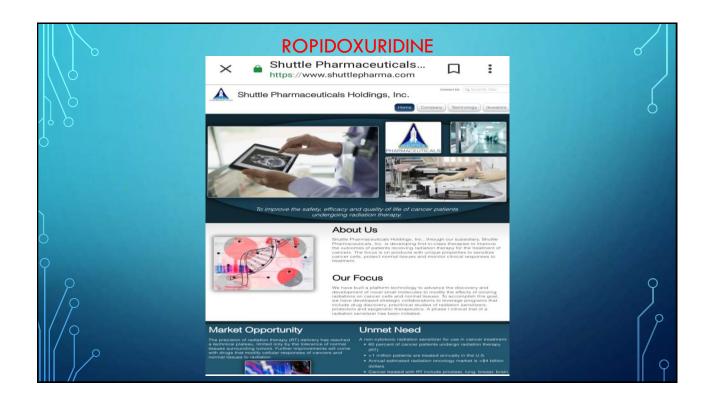
#### HOW DO WE PROCEED TO ACQUIRE IP? CREATE! INNOVATE!

- CONCEPTUALIZATION
- DISCLOSURE (Publish or Protect?)
- PATENT APPLICATION (Costs and other considerations)
- COMMERCIALIZATION (Search for sponsors, licensees, ownership, benefits sharing etc.)
- PATENT MAINTENANCE

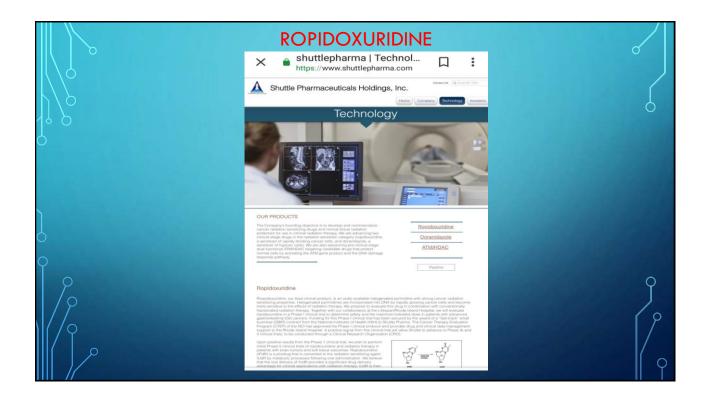








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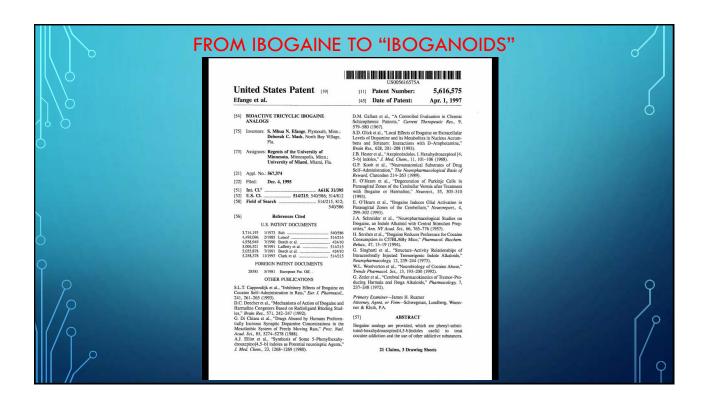


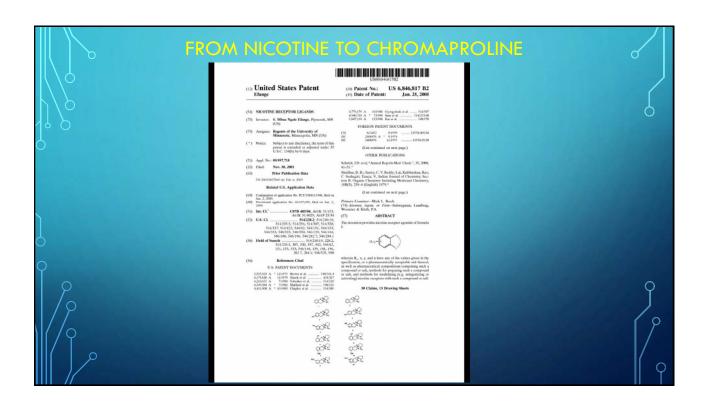
#### **ROPIDOXURIDINE – STILL GOING AFTER ALL THESE YEARS**

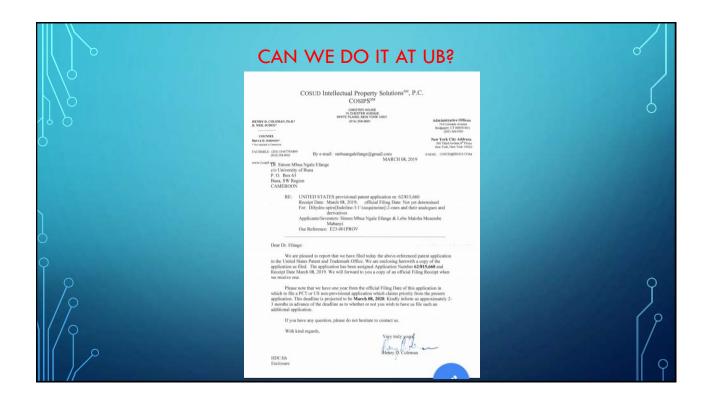
European Cancer Organization (Dublin, Ireland, November 14, 2018)

"A new drug designed to make radiotherapy more effective in treating cancer has been given to patients while they are receiving radiation and shown to be safe, according to research presented today."

(Wednesday) at the 30th EORTC-NCI-AACR Symposium on Molecular Targets and Cancer Therapeutics in Dublin, Ireland.







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#### CAN WE DO IT AT UB?

Yes, we can, but we must re-shape our attitude to research and innovation.

•We must be prepared to work even harder. Otherwise, we shall be condemned to live with "....trop de chercheurs, pas de trouveurs".

## PARTING MESSAGE

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