



Malaria Vaccine Developer, Sanaria Inc., receives 2009 Vaccine Industry Excellence Award for Best Early-Stage Vaccine Biotech

Rockville, Maryland, June 2, 2009/ -- The award was announced on April 21, 2009 at the World Vaccine Congress Washington conference. The Vaccine Industry Excellence awards recognize the accomplishments and contributions of companies and individuals working in the vaccine industry. Sanaria was named Best Early-Stage Vaccine Biotech from a group of nine companies shortlisted for the award. Other awardees included GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals for Best Vaccine R&D Pipeline and Merck for Best Prophylactic Vaccine.

“This award caps a remarkable period of rapid progress and success in translating Sanaria’s whole-organism, sporozoite malaria vaccine candidate from development through cGMP manufacturing and the initiation of clinical trials. It recognizes the remarkable achievements and dedication of the entire Sanaria team and our collaborators,” states Stephen L. Hoffman, Sanaria’s founder and CEO.

Sanaria’s candidate malaria vaccine is composed of live, attenuated parasites. This unique formulation, having satisfied rigorous FDA scrutiny for safety, sterility, purity, potency, and reproducibility of manufacturing, is now undergoing clinical testing in volunteers for safety and efficacy.

About Sanaria Inc. The company’s primary mission is to develop and commercialize a malaria sporozoite vaccine against *Plasmodium falciparum*, the parasite responsible for more than 95 percent of malaria-associated severe illness and death worldwide, and the malaria parasite for which there is the most significant drug resistance. Sanaria’s corporate headquarters, administrative, research, development, and manufacturing operations are located in Rockville, Maryland. The company’s Web site is <http://www.sanaria.com>.

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