

Firm Client Sanaria Wins 2020 Patents for Humanities Award from USPTO and an Annual Vaccine Industry Excellence Award

Washington D.C. (October 6, 2020) – Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox is proud to share that our client [Sanaria](#) has been granted a Patents for Humanities Award from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). This award recognizes Sanaria's PfSPZ malaria vaccine – a whole parasite vaccine for malaria with an effectiveness rate exceeding that of most malaria vaccines developed in recent years. Sterne Kessler handles the patent prosecution work for the related patents.

Sanaria is one of three recipients in the Medicine category and one of six recipients overall for the USPTO recognitions. As noted in the agency's [press release](#), the Patents for Humanities program honors “game-changing innovations that address long-standing development challenges.”

In addition to the USPTO recognition, Sanaria recently earned the Highly Commended Prophylactic Vaccine award for its PfSPZ vaccines at the [13th Annual Vaccine Industry Excellence Awards](#). This recognition was presented virtually at the 2020 World Vaccine Congress at a ceremony held last week.

[Director Bonnie Nannenga-Combs, Ph.D.](#), who leads the patent prosecution efforts for the Sterne Kessler team that works with Sanaria remarked, “Sterne Kessler congratulates Sanaria on earning two well-deserved accolades for its life-saving malaria vaccine. We are proud to work with these innovators on patenting this important technology that contributes to the global prevention of a devastating disease.”

View the full list of 2020 Patents for Humanity award recipients [here](#), and learn more about the World Vaccine Congress [here](#).

About Sanaria

Sanaria is a biotechnology company developing vaccines protective against malaria. Sanaria's vaccines have proven highly protective against *Plasmodium falciparum* infection in humans. Sanaria's vaccines are intended to be used to prevent malaria in individuals and, in combination with other malaria control measures, to halt transmission of and eliminate malaria from communities. Learn more at [sanaria.com](#).

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