Seeking opportunities for products to improve gut microbiome health

Since 1987, Gaia Herbs has established itself as the leading grower and producer of Certified Organic (COG) herbs and herbal products. Nestled in a pristine mountain valley in Western North Carolina, the Gaia Herb Farm is one of the largest and most productive farms in the U.S. They cultivate over 50 crops on 250 acres that are certified organic by Oregon Tilth. As a vertically integrated company, they control every stage of production from organic soil enrichment programs, seed selection, cultivation, and harvesting, to research and analysis for correct harvest time. Their products are always validated to for potency in their onsite ISO accredited laboratory.

In 2001, they introduced Liquid Phyto-Caps™, a patented delivery system for liquid extracts. This exclusive technology delivers a concentrated liquid extract in a vegetarian capsule. One Liquid Phyto-Cap™ equals as much as much as 375 drops of a typical tinctures. Gaia is focused on expanding the Gaia Pro line, available exclusively to health professionals and expanding *in vitro* and clinical research efforts. Currently Gaia is sponsoring clinical trials in several countries.

R&D challenges and priority areas:

- Gut Microbiome
- IBS
- Intestinal Hyperpermeability
- Fermented botanicals/juices

Specific opportunities and approaches of interest:

- Novel botanical or naturally derived products that impact the listed indications.
- Fermented botanicals/juices that demonstrate promising activity in regard to listed indication.
- Interesting/novel oral delivery methods and/or packaging.

Out-of-scope:

- All probiotic products must undergo a kill step in order to be incorporated into a Gaia product.

Stages of development preferred:

- Proof of concept complete, prepared for pilot level or commercialization.

Types of collaboration preferred:

- Primarily interest on bringing products to market, open to collaborative research to that end.
- Open to discussion possible opportunities.

SUBMIT OPPORTUNITIES