



# Mychor Treatments

A novel business strategy to manage White Nose Syndrome (WNS, a Bat-killing Virus)

## PROPOSED WNS TREATMENT “37B”

**Instead of the academic strategy of studying the virus while bats go extinct...**

**Rearing bats in artificial, mass-produced HVAC-controlled hibernacula (hibernation roosts):**

- 1) Purchasing off-the-shelf, mass-produced concrete sewer sections
- 2) Roughening inner facings to create creviced roosts
- 3) Installed using cut-and-cover tunnelling and backfill construction method
- 4) Temperature-managed using HVAC systems, monitored by techs with fieldcraft expertise
- 5) 1-to-2 units per county or census district across Eastern North America

Traditional scientists have not figured out a treatment, and their culture precludes moving quickly, with 30 years—for competitive and ‘heroic scientist’ branding reasons, not scientific reasons—being the norm. WNS is spreading. It has a 90-95% mortality rate and many species face extinction.

### Testing Stages:

- 1) 6-to-8-month lab test (est: \$11,000 for basic testing; \$150-\$200,000 for full battery of tests).
- 2) Controlled field-site studies:
  - a. 2-to-3 seasons
  - b. Applied with oversight by front-line U.S. Fish & Wildlife experts and third party experts
  - c. Costs include purpose-built field station (est: \$12.0 million + \$250,000 operating costs/yr)

If proven out in field conditions, an initial program is estimated to produce 10 new seasonal jobs in each infected State & Province, plus 2 full-time monitoring jobs in each County or Census District.

### Quick Comparison of Impact for USA

	Private Biotech Program	Traditional Academic Research Program
<b>R&amp;D ESTIMATE</b>		
Duration (Total = Laboratory + Field-work)	3-5 years (1/2 + 3)	28 years (25 + 3)
Personnel (Scientists)	2	100 scientists
Personnel (Support Staff)	20 support staff	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12.86 million</b>	<b>\$15.15 million</b>
<b>NEW USA JOBS &amp; WAGES IMPACT ESTIMATE – 30 YEARS</b>	<b>Commencing Year 3</b>	<b>Commencing Year 29</b>
States & Counties infected by 2012	240 / 2,804	240 / 2,804
Nationwide Preventative Program- Jobs	510 / 6,264	510 / 6,264
<b>Nationwide Preventative Program – 30 Year Wage Impact</b>	<b>x 28 yr = \$6,330 million</b>	<b>x 2 yr = \$452.2 million</b>

**Estimate of Potential Impact:**

- 1) Prevent loss of biodiversity (species' extinction and effects on other species)
- 2) Minimize effect of infestation spread and concurrent impact to agriculture
- 3) Economic benefit (wages, training, veteran transition to civilian life)

**Results:**

- 1) Private entrepreneurial scientist complimented concept as a good test strategy
- 2) Warned that public academics would block scientific efforts that they could not control
- 3) Major university prospect stonewalled requirement to sign commercial NDA
- 4) So instead, open-sourced the proposal—alerting caving & veteran employment champions
- 5) Enabling federal insiders to privately test science strategy, at whatever pace they want
- 6) Putting bat recovery ahead of academic strategy of using glacial slowness to kill competitors

**Detailed Comparison of Approaches**

: Estimate for USA – **next page**

: Estimate for Canada not provided here

**DETAILED COMPARISON OF APPROACHES  
WITH ASSUMPTIONS**

**PRIVATE BIOTECH  
PROGRAM**

**TRADITIONAL  
ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

**SCIENCE LABOUR ESTIMATE**

**LABORATORY TESTS**

Duration	6 months	25 years
Number of Science Personnel	1	100
Science Salaries USD x 10% of Salaried Time	80,000 <sup>1</sup> = \$8,000	\$80,000 <sup>1</sup> = \$8,000
Number of Associated Personnel	0	0
Non-Science Salaries USD	0	0
<b>Subtotal – Labour</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>\$20 million</b>
R&D Equipment & Related Costs, Per Year, Per Team of 10	\$0	\$100,000
<b>Subtotal – Equipment</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$25.0 million</b>
<b>Laboratory Estimate</b>	<b>\$158,000</b>	<b>\$45.0 million</b>

**FIELD-WORK**

Duration	3 years	3 years
Number of Science Personnel x 10% of Salaried Time	2 <sup>2</sup>	100 <sup>2</sup>
Science Salaries USD	80,000 <sup>1</sup> = \$8,000	\$80,000 <sup>1</sup> = \$8,000
Number of Associated Personnel x 100% of Salaried Time	20	0
Non-Science Salaries USD	\$30,000	0
<b>Subtotal – Labour</b>	<b>\$608,000</b>	<b>\$2.4 million</b>
R&D Equipment & Related Costs		
USFWS Field-Center Control Site	\$12.0 million (1 year)	\$12.0 million (1 year)
Operating Costs (Labour covered by Study Teams)	\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>Subtotal – Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$12.75 million</b>	<b>\$12.75 million</b>
<b>Field-Work Estimate</b>	<b>\$12.86 million</b>	<b>\$15.15 million</b>

**DURATION ESTIMATE**

**R&D ESTIMATE TOTAL**

<b>3.5 years</b>	<b>28 Years</b>
<b>\$12.77 million</b>	<b>\$60.15 million</b>

**JOBS ESTIMATE – PER YEAR, Years 1 to 30**

**COMMENCING YEAR 3**

**COMMENCING YEAR 29**

New Jobs – States & Counties infected by 2012	240 / 2,804	240 / 2,804
Salaries' Impact (\$14,000 seasonal, \$35,000 Full-time)	\$3.4 million / \$98 million	\$3.4 million / \$98 million
New Jobs – Nationwide Preventative Program	510 / 6,264	510 / 6,264
Salaries' Impact (\$14,000 seasonal, \$35,000 Full-time)	\$7.1 million / \$219 million	\$7.1 million / \$219 million
<b>Nationwide Preventative Program – 30 Year Wage Impact</b>	<b>x 28 yr = \$6,330 million</b>	<b>x 2 yr = \$452.2 million</b>

**RISK OF SPECIES' EXTINCTION FROM TIME COST**

Do Nothing		Highest
Traditional Academic Research Approach		High
Private Biotech Approach with Academic Control	Med	High
Private Biotech Approach with USFWS Oversight	Low	

<sup>1</sup> Includes one Graduate Student wage per scientist.

<sup>2</sup> USFW scientist oversight costs to be negotiated.