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Abstract

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Male Contraceptive Initiative (MCI) has made significant progress in both the advocacy and advancement of research and development of novel reversible non-hormonal male contraceptives.

Since 2017, MCI has awarded over \$8M USD towards research and development in the form of grants, fellowships, and investments, and funds a spectrum ranging from basic science through early clinical studies of drugs and devices with broad mechanisms of action. In addition to granting activities, MCI has recently opened Contraceptive Accelerator Network (CAN), which is a for-profit subsidiary intended to directly advance programs in need of support and expertise.

Our advocacy efforts, which have included social media and other means of outreach have greatly expanded to include rich media, a comprehensive website with instructional videos, toolkits, and databases, and other materials for the general public and research communities to use in advocating for male contraceptive methods. Researchers, engaged advocates, and the general public are encouraged to contact MCI to initiate collaborations.