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# Amir Sagi, Ph.D.



#### **Ben-Gurion University of the Negev**

Dr. Amir Sagi is a professor in the Department of Life Sciences at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beer-Sheva, Israel, where his research applies crustacean models in the study of genes related to processes of sexual differentiation and skeletal biomineralization.

A world-renowned crustacean researcher, Sagi has over three decades of experience in this field. He is a founder of Amorphical Ltd., a biotech company developing revolutionary dietary supplements and drugs; as well as Enzootic Ltd., an agro-biotech venture introducing advances in life science to crustacean aquaculture. His technology for monosex prawn culture without chemicals, hormones and genetic modifications is licensed to Tiran Ltd.

Sagi holds a doctorate degree in endocrinology and physiology from the Hebrew University, is the former dean of the natural sciences faculty, and Past President of the International Society for Invertebrate Reproduction and Development.



#### a novel biotechnology to produce all-male populations of the prawn Macrobrachium rosenbergii through temporal RNA interference

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## Crustacean aquaculture



Continued growth will require assimilation of technologies that can:

Increase efficiencies and yields

Promote sustainable aquaculture





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## *M. rosenbergii* dimorphic growth pattern in favor of males



#### How is RNA interference (RNAi) working (non GMO)





## The technology

## <u>Temporal RNAi</u>

No hormone treatment No chemicals Non GMO Aquaculture production enhancement

Price Delivery

17.8 B \$



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