



R&D PORTFOLIO

Patient Needs-Driven
Collaborative R&D Model
for Neglected Diseases



DNDi

Drugs for Neglected Diseases *initiative*

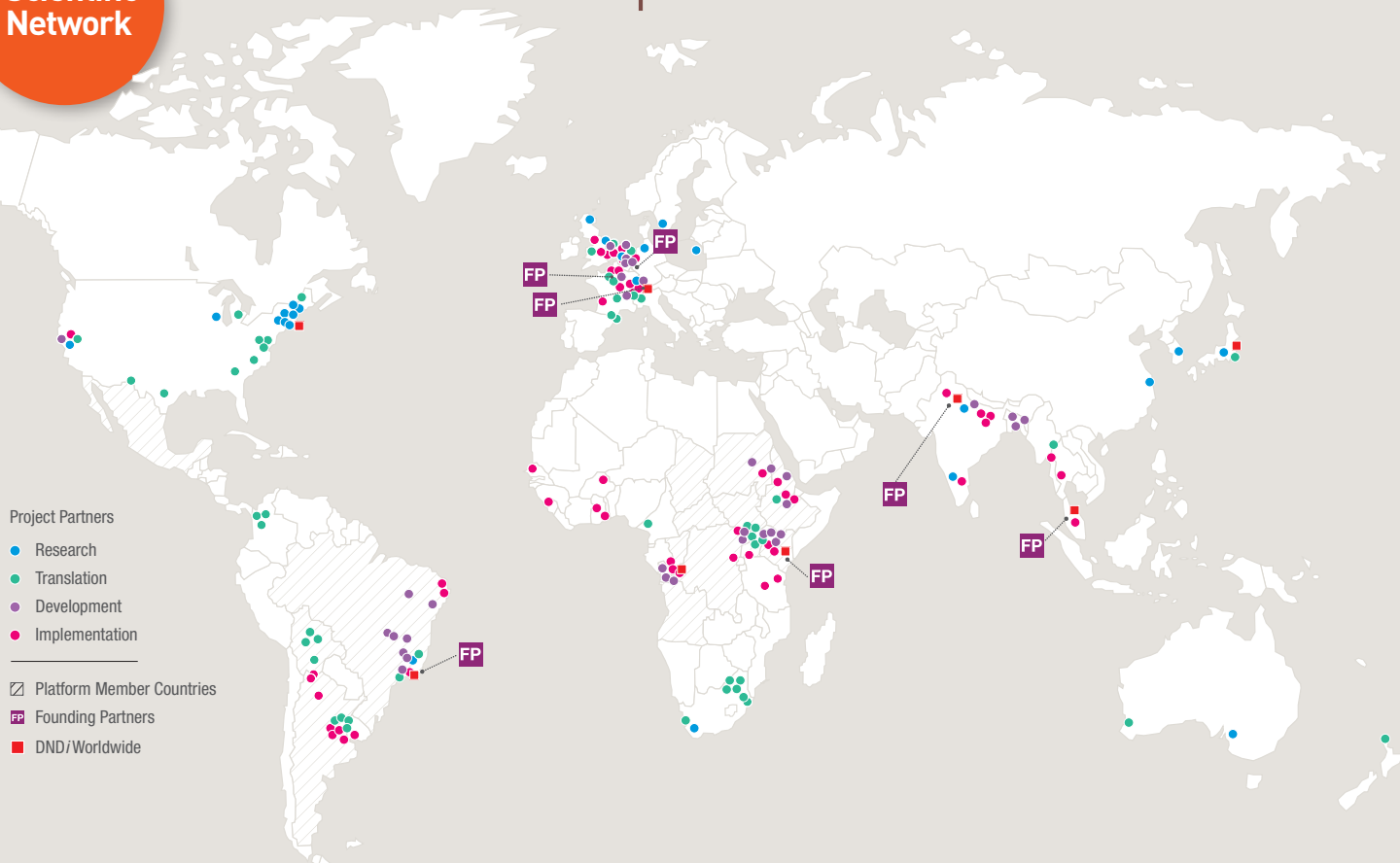
Project Partners

- Research
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- Development
- Implementation

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FP Founding Partners

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Founding Partners

In 2003, seven public and private institutions came together to form DNDi:

- Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) (Doctors Without Borders)
- Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Brazil
- Indian Council for Medical Research, India
- Kenya Medical Research Institute, Kenya
- Ministry of Health, Malaysia
- Institut Pasteur, France
- The Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (WHO-TDR)

DNDi Worldwide

- DNDi Headquarters (Geneva)
- DNDi Latin America (Rio)
- DNDi North America (New York)
- DNDi Africa (Nairobi)
- DNDi India (Delhi)
- DNDi Malaysia (Penang)
- DNDi Japan (Tokyo)
- DNDi in DRC (Kinshasa)

Clinical Research Platforms



LEAP PLATFORM



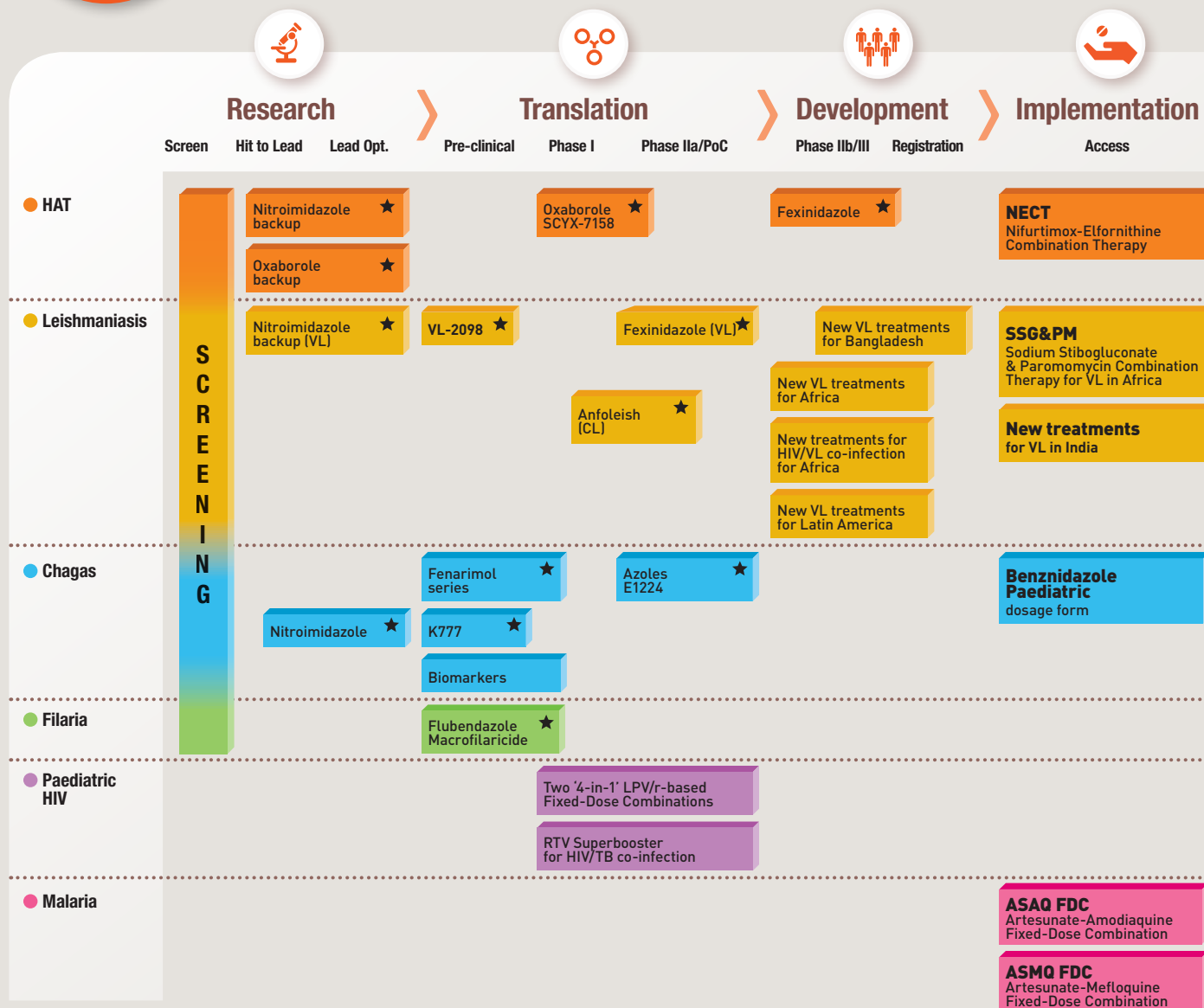
CHAGAS CLINICAL
RESEARCH PLATFORM



HAT PLATFORM

Project Portfolio

6 new treatments available and 12 new chemical entities in the pipeline



★ New Chemical Entity (NCE)
Fexinidazole (for HAT and VL) = 1 NCE

Diseases and Treatments



Chagas disease*

- About 7 to 8 million people infected, mostly across 21 Latin American countries, but also Europe, North America, Japan, and Australia
- Only 1% receive treatment
- *Trypanosoma cruzi* parasite transmitted through the bite of a triatomine vector known as the 'kissing bug', but also congenital transmission, blood transfusion, organ transplant, or ingestion of contaminated food or beverage
- Approx. 12,000 deaths per year; acute infection kills approx. 1 in 20, primarily children
- Chronic symptomatic disease develops in about one-third of infected patients and causes cardiomyopathies and digestive tract pathologies

*American Trypanosomiasis

Current: Only two treatments exist and have specific drawbacks, including tolerability issues

Our work: An adapted paediatric dosage form of benznidazole (delivered 2011)

Our aim: An effective and safer oral treatment for treatment of the chronic form of the disease



Human African Trypanosomiasis*

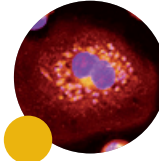
- Number of estimated cases currently approx. 20,000
- *Trypanosoma brucei* parasite transmitted through the bite of a tsetse fly
- Affects 36 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, but eight countries report 97% of all cases, two-thirds in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Disease occurs in two stages: stage 1 often not diagnosed and therefore disease passes undetected; stage 2, neurological stage, fatal without treatment

*HAT; Sleeping Sickness

Current: For stage 2 HAT, NECT has replaced older, toxic melarsoprol and complicated eflornithine monotherapy. For stage 1 HAT, two treatments, pentamidine and suramin, exist. All require multiple injections or infusions

Our work: NECT, a combination therapy of nifurtimox and eflornithine, with a large network of partners (delivered 2009). The first new treatment for HAT in over 25 years

Our aim: An oral, safe, effective, short-course treatment for both disease stages



Visceral Leishmaniasis*

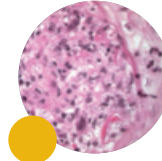
- Leishmaniasis, including the visceral form, is transmitted by the bite of a sandfly and occurs in 98 countries on 5 continents; approx. 350 million people at risk, mostly children
- Estimated 300,000 cases of visceral leishmaniasis (VL, or Kala Azar) per year
- VL - most severe form and fatal without treatment (approx. 40,000 deaths per year)
- VL in HIV co-infected patients a growing problem

*VL; Kala Azar

Current: Several treatments exist, but most have undesirable side effects, are long and complicated to administer in field conditions, or face problems of drug resistance

Our work: For Africa, SSG&PM, a combination therapy of sodium stibogluconate and paromomycin (delivered 2010); for Asia, a set of treatments (2011). Both with a large group of partners

Our aim: An oral, safe, effective, low-cost, and short-course (≤10 days) treatment



Cutaneous Leishmaniasis*

- Leishmaniasis, including the cutaneous form, is transmitted by the bite of a sandfly and occurs in 98 countries on 5 continents; approx. 350 million people at risk, mostly children
- Estimated 1 million cases of cutaneous leishmaniasis (CL) per year
- CL - characterized by disfiguring skin lesions; generally not life-threatening but causes disability and leaves permanent scars that can lead to social prejudice

*CL; *L. tropica* and *L. braziliensis* forms included in DNDi projects

Current: Few treatments exist specifically for CL. Many are VL treatments used for CL, and their effectiveness or safety have often not been tested in CL patients

Our work: DNDi and partners are developing a topical (applied to skin) treatment

Our aim: A shorter-duration (≤21 days for oral), safe, and effective treatment, with no need for close medical supervision



Malaria

- One of the most deadly infectious diseases in the world
- 50% of world population at risk; endemic in 108 countries
- Approximately 219 million cases of malaria worldwide in 2010, an estimated 660,000 deaths, mostly sub-Saharan African children

Current: Several treatments exist to treat malaria. Monotherapies face resistance problems. WHO recommends the use of five artemisinin-based combination therapies (ACTs), including the two below

Our work: ASAQ, an artesunate-amodiaquine fixed-dose combination (FDC) ACT (delivered 2007), and ASMQ, an artesunate-mefloquine FDC ACT (Brazil 2008/India 2012)

Our aim: DNDi is no longer involved in active malaria drug development and is focused on continuing to deliver ASAQ and ASMQ to patients



Filaria*

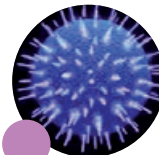
- Filarial diseases, caused by a sub-group of helminths, include lymphatic filariasis (LF), onchocerciasis, and *Loa loa* filariasis
- Over 120 million humans estimated to be infected by LF in 72 countries; most infections are asymptomatic
- 18 million humans estimated to be affected by onchocerciasis worldwide
- *Loa loa* filariasis occurs in West and Central Africa; 14-15 million humans at risk
- Cause life-long disabilities such as blindness and swelling of limbs or genitals, and have terrible social and economic impact
- Patients co-infected with either LF or onchocerciasis and *Loa loa* cannot be easily treated with current drugs due to risk of major adverse effects, such as encephalopathy

*Helminth Parasitic Worm Infections

Current: Current treatments are ivermectin, albendazole, and diethylcarbamazine used in mass drug administrations (MDAs), which require repeated annual or biannual treatment for up to 15 years and have life-threatening side effects in areas of co-infection with *Loa loa*

Our work: DNDi is developing a macrofilaricide drug (kills adult worms, which current drugs do not do). Such a drug would cure the patient after one course of treatment

Our aim: A safe and effective macrofilaricide



Paediatric HIV

- 3.4 million children (<15 years) living with HIV and 330,000 new infections in children in 2011
- 600 deaths in children every day, mostly in Africa
- 230,000 AIDS-related deaths among children in 2010
- Less than 30% of HIV-positive children currently have access to antiretroviral therapy (ART), compared with 57% for adults
- Without treatment, almost half the children infected during pregnancy or delivery die within their first year

Current: Current treatments for babies and young children with HIV/AIDS taste terrible, are difficult to administer, and have undesirable interactions with drugs for tuberculosis, the most common co-infection with HIV

Our work: DNDi and partners are currently developing a child-friendly 4-in-1 antiretroviral formulation

Our aim: A safe, effective, all-in-one first-line therapy for young children (≤ 3 years) with HIV, including HIV/TB co-infected children





Research

Through compound screening, lead selection, and lead optimization, the objective of DND's research programme is to identify new drug candidates that meet criteria described in the target product profile for entry into the pre-clinical development process.

SCREENING PROCESS

→ Compounds

Targets: Chagas, HAT, leishmaniasis, and specific filarial infections. Extensive investigation of advanced candidates and small series of compounds; identification of promising chemical classes from libraries of private companies; access to chemical diversity essential to identifying potent and selective hits with acceptable drug-like characteristics; identification of novel compounds via high-throughput screening; and screening compounds and assessing their activity against a specific target

Partners: AbbVie (formerly Abbott), USA; Actelion, Switzerland; Anacor, USA; Astellas, Japan; AstraZeneca, Sweden; Bayer, Germany; Bristol-Myers Squibb, USA; Celgene, USA; E.I. du Pont de Nemours, USA; Eisai Co. Ltd, Japan; Genomics Institute of the Novartis Research Foundation, USA; GlaxoSmithKline, Tres Cantos, Spain; Institute of Medical Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology, Hospital University of Bonn, Germany; Medicines for Malaria Venture, Switzerland; Merck (MSD), USA; Northwick Park Institute for Medical Research, UK; Novartis Institute for Tropical Diseases, Singapore; Pfizer, USA; Pfizer Animal Health, USA; Sanofi, France; Sigma-Tau, Italy; Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (WHO-TDR); TB Alliance, USA; TI Pharma, The Netherlands; Vertex, USA

→ Screening

Identification of new active compounds via low- to high-throughput screening assays in dedicated centres:

- High-throughput screening

High-throughput screening of large-size libraries for *Leishmania*, *T. cruzi*, and *T.b. brucei* (Institut Pasteur Korea), and for *Leishmania* (Drug Discovery Unit at the University of Dundee)

Partners: Institut Pasteur Korea (IPK), South Korea; Drug Discovery Unit at the University of Dundee, UK

- Reference Screening Centres

Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH), Switzerland; Laboratory of Microbiology, Parasitology, and Hygiene (LMPH), University of Antwerp, Belgium; and London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), UK

LEAD OPTIMIZATION

Objective: Obtain optimized leads by progressing 'hits' with a good safety profile and activity against all target diseases (Chagas, HAT, and leishmaniasis)

Partners: Centre for Drug Candidate Optimisation (CDCO)/Monash University, Australia; Epichem, Australia; Federal University of Ouro Preto (UFOP), Brazil; Institut Pasteur Korea (IPK), Korea; iThemba, South Africa; LMPH, University of Antwerp, Belgium; LSHTM, UK; Murdoch University, Australia; SCYNEXIS Inc., USA; TB Alliance, USA; University of Auckland, New Zealand; Pace University, USA; Pfizer, USA; Wuxi AppTech, China

● Nitroimidazole backup – HAT

Objective: Profile potential backup candidates for fexinidazole for the treatment of HAT

Partners: TB Alliance, USA; Swiss TPH, Switzerland; Suwinski, Poland; Pace University, USA; Wuxi AppTec, China

● Oxaborole backup – HAT

Objective: Profile potential backup candidates for SCYX-7158 for the treatment of HAT

Partners: Anacor, USA; SCYNEXIS, USA; Pace University, USA; Wuxi AppTec, China

● Nitroimidazole backup – VL

Objective: Profile potential backup candidates for VL-2098 for the treatment of VL

Partners: TB Alliance, USA; Advinus Therapeutics, India; Central Drug Research Institute, India; LMPH, Belgium; LSHTM, UK; Auckland University, New Zealand

● Nitroimidazole – Chagas disease

Objective: Investigate the potential of a nitroimidazole compound that is safer and more efficacious than the current Chagas disease standard of care (benznidazole and/or nifurtimox)

Partners: TB Alliance, USA; Centre for Drug Candidate Optimisation (CDCO)/Monash University, Australia; Epichem, Australia; Murdoch University, Australia; Federal University of Ouro Preto (UFOP), Brazil; Institut Pasteur Korea (IPK), South Korea



Translation

Once molecules have been identified in the research stage, the suitability of the molecule to become a drug has to be assessed by testing *in vitro* and *in vivo*. Optimized leads are further evaluated for their properties, safety, and efficacy in pre-clinical studies before being progressed to Phase I clinical trials (healthy humans) and to Phase II proof-of-concept studies (patients).

● Oxaborole SCYX-7158 – HAT

Objective: Progress the clinical development of SCYX-7158 for the treatment of stage 2 HAT caused by *T.b. gambiense*, as well as for stage 1 HAT and HAT caused by *T.b. rhodesiense*

Partners: SCYNEXIS Inc., USA; Anacor Pharmaceuticals, USA; Advinus Therapeutics, India; Penn Pharma, UK

● VL-2098

Objective: Undertake pre-clinical assessment of VL-2098, a promising compound of the nitroimidazole class for treatment of VL

Partners: TB Alliance, USA; Advinus Therapeutics, India; Central Drug Research Institute, India; LSHTM, UK; Auckland University, New Zealand; Bertin Pharma, France



● Fexinidazole – VL

Objective: Initiate a Phase II proof-of-concept study to determine the efficacy and safety of using fexinidazole for the treatment of VL

Partners: Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), Kenya; Institute of Endemic Diseases (IEND), University of Khartoum, Sudan; MSF; Leishmaniasis East Africa Platform (LEAP); BaseCon, Denmark; Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), The Netherlands; Utrecht University, The Netherlands

● Anfoleish – CL

Objective: Develop a topical anti-parasitic treatment containing amphotericin B for the treatment of CL

Partners: PECET (Program for the Study and Control of Tropical Diseases), Universidad de Antioquia Medellín, Colombia; Humax Pharma, Colombia; Farmatech, Colombia

● Fenarimol series – Chagas disease

Objective: Characterize the two pre-clinical candidates from the fenarimol series showing curative efficacy in mouse models of Chagas disease before progressing through Investigational New Drug (IND) application enabling studies

Partners: Centre for Drug Candidate Optimisation (CDCO)/Monash University, Australia; Epichem, Australia; Murdoch University, Australia; Federal University of Ouro Preto (UFOP), Brazil; IPK, South Korea

● K777 – Chagas disease

Objective: Progress IND application enabling studies for K777 for the treatment of Chagas disease

Partners: University of California San Francisco (UCSF), USA; National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA

● Biomarkers – Chagas disease

Objective: Contribute to the identification and validation of markers of therapeutic response in Chagas disease, in support of clinical trials and registration

Partners: Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF); Universidad Mayor de San Simon, Bolivia; Universidad Autónoma Juan Misael Saracho, Bolivia; Barcelona Centre for International Health Research (CRESIB), Spain; Dr Mario Fátala Chaben National Institute of Parasitology (INP), Argentina; University of Georgia, USA; Texas Biomedical Research Institute, USA; University of Texas at El Paso, USA; National Council of Scientific and Technological Research (INGEBI-CONICET), Argentina; McGill University, Canada; Geneva University Hospitals, Switzerland; NHEPACHA network

● Azoles E1224 – Chagas disease

Objective: Proof-of-concept study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of different dose regimens of E1224 for the treatment of adult patients with the chronic indeterminate form of Chagas disease

Partners: Eisai Co. Ltd, Japan; Platform of Integral Care for Patients with Chagas Disease, Spain/Bolivia; Universidad Mayor de San Simon, Bolivia; Universidad Autónoma Juan Misael Saracho, Bolivia; Collective of Applied Studies and Social Development (CEADES), Bolivia; NUDFAC – Nucleus of Pharmaceutical and Cosmetics Development, Brazil; Centre de Recerca en Salut Internacional de Barcelona (CRESIB), Spain; National Council of Scientific and Technological Research (INGEBI-CONICET), Argentina



Translation

● **Flubendazole Macrofilaricide** – Filaria

Objective: Determine the potential of flubendazole as a pre-clinical macrofilaricide candidate for preventive treatment of onchocerciasis and lymphatic filariasis in *Loa loa* co-endemic regions

Partners: Johnson & Johnson, USA; Michigan State University, USA; Abbott Laboratories, USA; University of Buea, Cameroon

● **Two '4-in-1' LPV/r-based Fixed-Dose Combinations** – Paediatric HIV

Objective: Develop two fixed-dose combinations of the protease inhibitor (PI)-based paediatric antiretroviral (ARV) regimen of lopinavir/ritonavir (LPV/r) with either one of two NRTI backbones, 3TC/ABC or 3TC/ZDV. The '4-in-1' treatment for infants and young children will be formulated in taste-masked granules

Partners: Cipla Ltd, India; Medical Research Council, UK; Joint Clinical Research Centre, Uganda; Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation, Uganda; Mulago Hospital Kampala, Uganda; Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre, The Netherlands; Institut Necker, France; MSF

● **RTV Superbooster for HIV/TB co-infection** – Paediatric HIV

Objective: Develop a stand-alone ritonavir (RTV) booster formulation to be added to the optimized LPV/r-based paediatric ARV regimen to counteract the negative drug-drug interactions between protease inhibitors (PIs) and rifampicin-containing tuberculosis treatments

Partners: Cipla Ltd, India; Stellenbosch University and KID CRU, Tygerberg Hospital, South Africa; Perinatal HIV Research Unit, South Africa; Shandukani Research Centre, South Africa; Empilweni Services and Research Unit, Rahima Moosa Mother and Child Hospital, South Africa; Enhancing Care Foundation, South Africa; Department of Health, South Africa; Department of Science and Technology, South Africa; AMS-PHPT, Faculty of Associated Medical Sciences, Chiang Mai University, Thailand; Institut Necker, France





Development

Testing the balance between the safety and efficacy of a drug has to be conducted on a large scale, this is done in Phase III trials. This trial phase is necessary to obtain authorization from regulatory authorities, in other words drug registration, that ultimately determines if countries can produce, import, and distribute the drugs.

● Fexinidazole – HAT

Objective: Progress fexinidazole through a clinical Phase II/III pivotal study in order to register the drug as a new treatment for stage 2 HAT caused by *T.b. gambiense*, as well as for stage 1 HAT and HAT caused by *T.b. rhodesiense*

Partners: Sanofi, France; Swiss TPH, Switzerland; MSF; HAT Platform; Base-Con, Denmark; Institut National de Recherche Biomédicale, DRC; Communauté Baptiste du Congo, DRC; Institute of Tropical Medicine-Antwerp, Belgium

● New VL treatments for Bangladesh

Objective: Phase III/IV study to demonstrate feasibility of implementing new treatment modalities recommended by WHO (miltefosine-paromomycin, AmBisome®-miltefosine, AmBisome®-paromomycin, single-dose AmBisome®) in primary healthcare settings in Bangladesh

Partners: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh; International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research (ICDDR,B), Bangladesh; Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College and Hospital (ShSMC), Bangladesh

● New VL treatments for Africa

Objectives: Develop new shorter-course treatments for VL in East Africa and geographically extend available anti-leishmanial drugs to all countries of the region. Support ongoing registration activities for use of SSG&PM. Assess the efficacy and safety of miltefosine combinations for East Africa

Partners: Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), Kenya; Institute of Endemic Diseases (IEND), University of Khartoum, Sudan; Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia; Gondar University, Ethiopia; University of Makerere, Uganda; LSHTM, UK; Slotervaart Hospital, The Netherlands Cancer Institute, The Netherlands; Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), The Netherlands; Ministries of Health of Ethiopia, Sudan, Kenya, and Uganda; MSF; i+solutions, The Netherlands; OneWorld Health (OWH/PATH), USA; LEAP (Leishmaniasis East Africa Platform); Institute of Tropical Medicine-Antwerp, Belgium

● New treatments for HIV/VL co-infection for Africa

Objective: Identify and deliver a safe and highly effective treatment for VL in HIV co-infected patients that will improve long-term survival of these patients

Partners: LSHTM, UK; Institute of Tropical Medicine-Antwerp, Belgium; MSF; Slotervaart Hospital, The Netherlands Cancer Institute, The Netherlands; Utrecht University, The Netherlands; Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia; Gondar University, Ethiopia; LEAP (Leishmaniasis East Africa Platform)

● New VL treatments for Latin America

Objective: Support the Brazilian Ministry of Health and its partners to conduct a Phase III trial assessing the efficacy and safety of amphotericin B deoxycholate, AmBisome®, and the combination of AmBisome®-Glucantime® for the treatment of VL in Latin America

Partners: René Rachou Research Institution – Fiocruz-MG, Brazil; Paediatric Hospital João Paulo II – FHEMIG, Brazil; Brasília University, Brazil; Montes Claros State University, Brazil; Piauí Federal University, Brazil; Sergipe Federal University, Brazil; Leishmaniasis Control Programme/Ministry of Health, Brazil; Universidade Estadual do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil





Implementation

When a drug is registered, it is still important to test drugs outside of the highly controlled settings of clinical trials. It is vital to understand and work out any remaining barriers to ensure that the drugs reach the patients who need them.

● **NECT** Nifurtimox/Eflornithine Combination Therapy

Objectives: Continue to facilitate implementation of NECT, currently the most field-adapted, simple and safe treatment for stage 2 HAT and support its implementation in endemic countries

Partners: MSF; Swiss TPH; National Trypanosomiasis Control Programmes of the Republic of Congo and Democratic Republic of Congo; HAT Platform; with the collaboration of WHO, drug donation from Sanofi and Bayer

● **SSG&PM** Sodium Stibogluconate/Paromomycin Combination Therapy

Objectives: Facilitate implementation of and access to SSG&PM in key endemic areas of East Africa by supporting registration of paromomycin (PM) and facilitate uptake with local partners. Monitor safety and effectiveness post-implementation in a pharmacovigilance study

Partners: Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI); IEND, University of Khartoum, Sudan; University of Makerere, Uganda; Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia; Gondar University, Ethiopia; LSHTM, UK; Ministries of Health of Ethiopia, Sudan, Kenya, and Uganda; MSF; i+solutions, The Netherlands; OneWorld Health (OWH/PATH), USA; LEAP (Leishmaniasis East Africa Platform)

● **New VL Treatments** – India

Objectives: Conduct large-scale effectiveness studies in South Asia to demonstrate feasibility in implementing the new treatment modalities recommended by WHO (miltefosine-paromomycin, AmBisome®-miltefosine, AmBisome®-paromomycin, single-dose AmBisome®) in primary healthcare settings in India with a view to extending their use in the region. Support control and elimination strategies of the country

Partners: Indian Medical Research Council (ICMR); Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Sciences (RMRI), India; Kala Azar Medical Research Centre, India; State Health Society, Bihar (BSHS), India; OneWorld Health (OWH/PATH), USA; WHO-TDR; WHO (SEARO, Geneva); MSF

● **Paediatric Dosage Form of Benznidazole**

Objectives: Complete a population pharmacokinetic study of the newly registered paediatric dosage form of benznidazole. Facilitate implementation of and access to the treatment

Partners: Laboratório Farmacêutico do Estado de Pernambuco (LAFEPE), Brazil; Hospital de Niños Ricardo Gutierrez, Argentina; Instituto Nacional de Parasitología Dr M Fátala Chabén, Argentina; Hospital de Niños de Jujuy, Argentina; Ministerio de Salud, Provincia de Jujuy, Argentina; Hospital Público Materno Infantil – Salta, Argentina; Centro de Chagas y Patología Regional, Hospital Independencia, Santiago del Estero, Argentina; CONICET/INGEBI, Argentina; Centro Nacional de Diagnóstico e Investigación de Endemo-epidemias (CeNDIE), Ministry of Health, Argentina; University of Liverpool, UK; NUDFAC, Brazil; Administración Nacional de Laboratorios e Institutos de Salud (ANLIS), Argentina

● **ASAQ** Artesunate/Amodiaquine Fixed-Dose Combination

Objectives: Continue to facilitate implementation of ASAQ FDC in all countries where it could benefit patients and where the combination is recommended in national treatment guidelines. Participate in Risk Management Plan in Africa. Diversify ASAQ suppliers, by facilitating transfer of technology

Partners: Sanofi, France; Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV), Switzerland; AEDES, Belgium; Zenufa, Tanzania; National Centre for Research and Training on Malaria, Burkina Faso; Universiti Sains Malaysia; Oxford University, UK; Institute of Research for Development (IRD), Senegal; Université de Bordeaux Faculté de Pharmacie, France; Mahidol University, Thailand; Bertin Pharma, France; Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF); Epicentre, France; WHO-TDR; Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI); Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR); National Malaria Control Programme, Ministry of Health, Burundi; WHO, Burundi; Ministry of Health, Sierra Leone; Ministry of Health, Ghana; Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH), Ghana

● **ASMQ** Artesunate/Mefloquine Fixed-Dose Combination

Objectives: Continue to facilitate implementation of and access to ASMQ FDC in South East Asia and Latin America by obtaining registration authorizations. Assess efficacy of ASMQ FDC in Africa

Partners: Farmanguinhos, Brazil; Cipla Ltd, India; Shoklo Malaria Research Unit, Thailand; Universiti Sains Malaysia; Oxford University, UK; WHO-TDR; Ifakara Health Institute, Tanzania; Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR); Epicentre, France; Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois (CHUV), Switzerland; National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR), Tanzania; Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI); Centre National de Recherche et de Formation sur le Paludisme (CNFRP), Burkina Faso; Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV), Switzerland

6 TREATMENTS DELIVERED

Easy to use • Affordable • Field-adapted • Non-patented

Malaria

ASAQ

2007

(Fixed-dose combination of artesunate + amodiaquine)

- Innovative partnership with Sanofi
- Over 200 million treatments distributed (April 2013)
- Simple regimen: 1 or 2 tablets once a day for 3 days
- Registered in 33 countries, of which 30 in Africa
- WHO prequalified
- Technology transfer to industrial partner



Malaria

ASMQ

2008

(Fixed-dose combination of artesunate + mefloquine)

- Developed by DNDi and Farmanguinhos/Fiocruz, Brazil
- Simple and adapted regimen for children and adults
- Registered in Brazil (2008), India (2011), Malaysia and Myanmar (2012)
- WHO prequalified
- South-South technology transfer from Farmanguinhos to Cipla, India



HAT

NECT

2009

(Nifurtimox-eflornithine combination therapy)

- Partnership between DNDi, MSF, governments, pharmaceutical companies, and WHO
- Approx. 96% of stage 2 HAT patients in Democratic Republic of the Congo treated with NECT (2012) and over 60% of all stage 2 patients in endemic countries (2011)
- On essential medicines lists of 12 African countries (covering 98% of reported HAT cases)
- WHO Essential Medicines List since 2009



Visceral Leishmaniasis

SSG&PM

2010

(Sodium stibogluconate & paromomycin combination therapy)

- Partnership between DNDi, the Leishmaniasis East Africa Platform (LEAP), national control programmes of Kenya, Sudan, Ethiopia, and Uganda, MSF, and WHO
- Recommended by the WHO Expert Committee on the Control of Leishmaniases for East Africa (2010)
- Approved and implemented in Sudan since 2010
- Paromomycin registered in Uganda (2011), in Kenya (2013), and underway in other East African countries



Visceral Leishmaniasis

NEW VL treatments in India

2011

(SD AmBisome® / PM+M / A®+M / PM+A®)

- Large four-arm implementation study with health authorities at state, national, and regional levels, in collaboration with TDR and OneWorld Health (OWH/PATH)
- High efficacy and good safety profiles
- Field-adapted
- Recommended by the WHO Expert Committee on the Control of Leishmaniases (2010)



Chagas disease

Benznidazole

12,5 mg – LAFEPE

2011

(Paediatric dosage form of benznidazole)

- Partnership with LAFEPE, Brazil
- Age-adapted, easy-to-use, and affordable treatment
- Easily dispersible tablet for children under 2 years of age
- Registered in Brazil in 2011

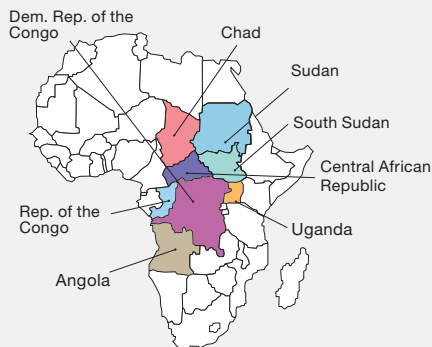


Three Clinical Research Platforms to Strengthen Capacities in Endemic Countries



Human African Trypanosomiasis HAT Platform

FOUNDED: 2005 in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo



MAIN PARTNERS:

National Control Programmes of most affected endemic countries: Angola, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of Congo, Uganda, South Sudan, Sudan; Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH), Switzerland; Institute of Tropical Medicine-Antwerp (ITM), Belgium; Institut National de Recherche Biomédicale (INRB), DRC; University of Makerere, Uganda; Kenya Agricultural Research Institute—

The HAT Platform, a research capacity strengthening network of clinicians, national control programme representatives, and scientists from the African countries most affected by sleeping sickness (Angola, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of Congo, Uganda, South Sudan, Sudan) as well as international institutions. The overall aim of this platform is to build and strengthen clinical trial capacities (human resources, infrastructure, equipment) and methodologies in HAT-endemic countries so that new and promising treatments for this fatal disease can be rapidly and effectively evaluated, registered, and made available to patients

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Chagas Clinical Research Platform (CCRP)

FOUNDED: 2009 in Uberaba, Brazil



MAIN PARTNERS:

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DNDi works closely with partners in disease-endemic countries to strengthen clinical research capacity. This support of research and implementation programmes is vital to ensuring sustainable access to the treatments delivered.



The Chagas Clinical Research Platform (CCRP) is a network of health agencies and scientists in the Americas and around the world. The CCRP aims to strengthen capacity, facilitate clinical research, expand community participation, and improve evaluation and delivery of new treatments for Chagas disease across the region

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Leishmaniasis East Africa Platform (LEAP)

FOUNDED: 2003 in Khartoum, Sudan



The Leishmaniasis East Africa Platform (LEAP) is a research capacity strengthening network of health agencies and scientists from the four African countries most affected by visceral leishmaniasis (Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Uganda) as well as international experts. The LEAP mandate is to study, validate, and facilitate registration of improved treatment options for neglected VL patients in the East African region. It provides capacity strengthening for treatment, evaluation, and clinical studies in the region

MAIN PARTNERS:

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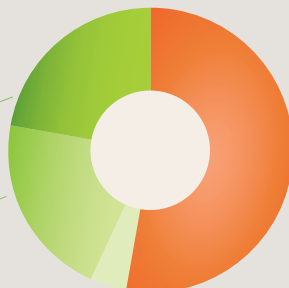
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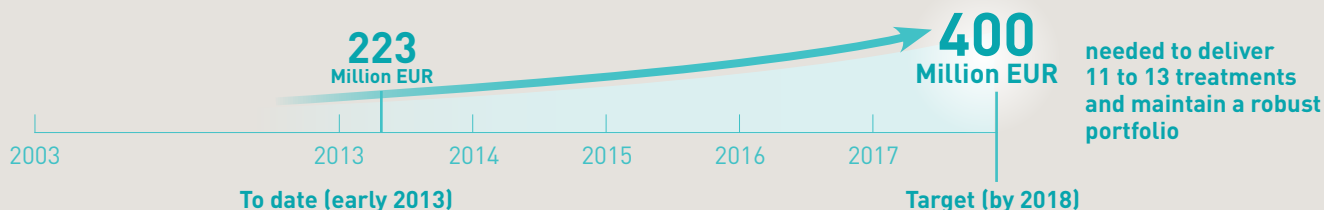
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The Drugs for Neglected Diseases *initiative* (DNDi) is a patient-needs driven, not-for-profit research and development (R&D) organization that develops safe, effective, and affordable treatments for neglected diseases that afflict millions of the world's poorest people, notably human African trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness), leishmaniasis, Chagas disease, paediatric HIV, filaria, and malaria.

DNDi's primary objective is to:

- Deliver 11 to 13 new treatments by 2018 for targeted neglected diseases and establish a strong R&D portfolio that addresses patients' treatment needs

In doing this, DNDi has two further objectives:

- Use and strengthen capacities in disease-endemic countries via project implementation
- Raise awareness about the need to develop new drugs for neglected diseases and advocate for increased public responsibility

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