

Chagas Drug Discovery

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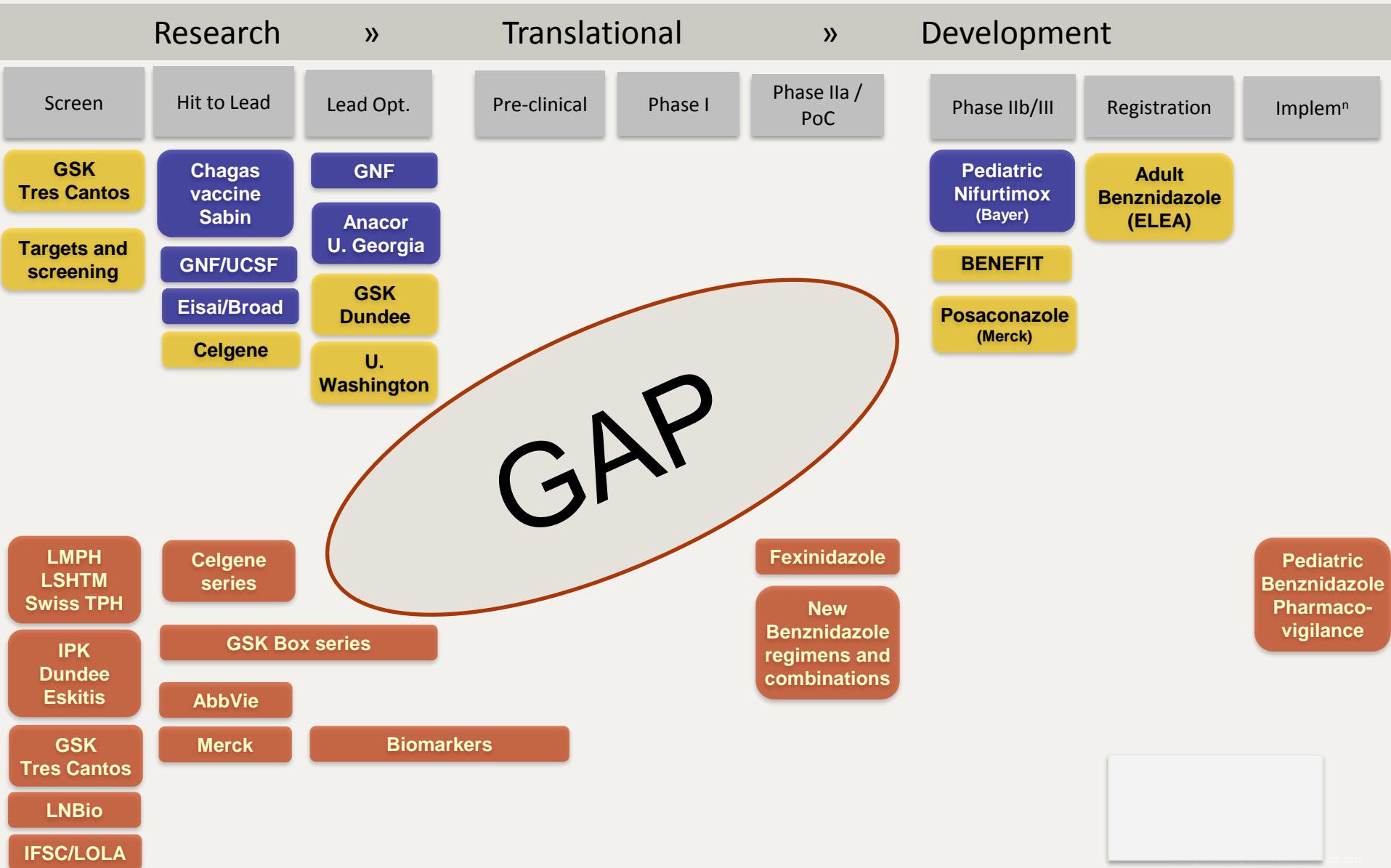
Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative



6th June Discovery Workshop

- The Path to a Candidate: A multidisciplinary Effort and a lot of Hurdles (Eric Chatelain, DNDi)
- Chemical Matter: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly (Luiz Carlos Dias, UNICAMP)
- *In vitro* screening assays: HTS/HCS and secondary assays (Carolina Borsoi-Moraes, LNBio)
- Drugs for Chagas and Leishmaniasis from a translational medicine perspective (Facundo Garcia Bournissen, Hospital de Ninos, Argentina)
- Exploring drug efficacy in experimental Chagas disease using highly sensitive bioluminescence imaging (John Kelly, LSHTM)
- Discovery of biomarkers for diagnostics and treatment efficacy assessment: from the “eye” to the –omics (Momar Ndao, McGill University)

Chagas landscape/ DNDi activities 2016



Still A Gap ...

- Dealing with complex issues/challenges
 - Drug Discovery & Development: lots of hurdles along the journey → Attrition
 - Complex parasite
 - Complex disease with still a lot of unknown
 - Not enough clinical research data (with new candidates) feeding back into discovery/non-clinical process
 - Issue of biomarkers for treatment efficacy assessment

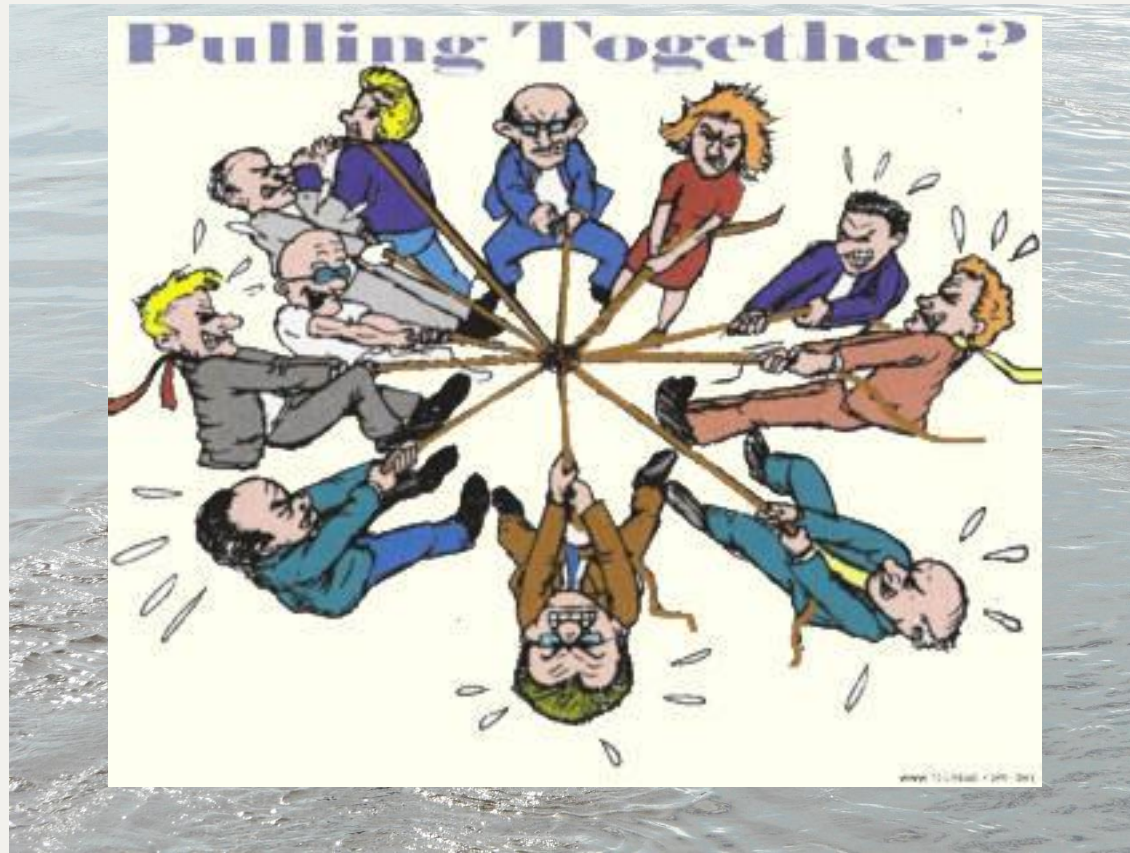
.... Making Progress

- New *in vitro* Assays; moving towards standardization and efficient screening cascade
- Tackling translational challenges: *in vivo* models predictive of outcome in clinical trials
- Moving toward more systematic PK/PD assessment with new compounds
- New technologies for the ID of potential markers of treatment efficacy
- Building of innovative partnerships and capacity in endemic countries (NTD booster, LOLA)

But ...

- Need for more **Research**
- Need for even more **Synergy** and **Sharing** between Initiatives/Groups to avoid duplication, do the “right” things
- Maybe (re)-define/(re)-think **R&D Priorities** for Chagas disease and act accordingly

Pulling Together to Overcome Hurdles





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