

Update of DNDi's Filarial portfolio

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Origins of DNDi

1999

- First meeting to describe the lack of R&D for neglected diseases
- MSF commits the Nobel Peace Prize money to the DND Working Group
- JAMA article: 'Access to essential drugs in poor countries - A Lost Battle?'

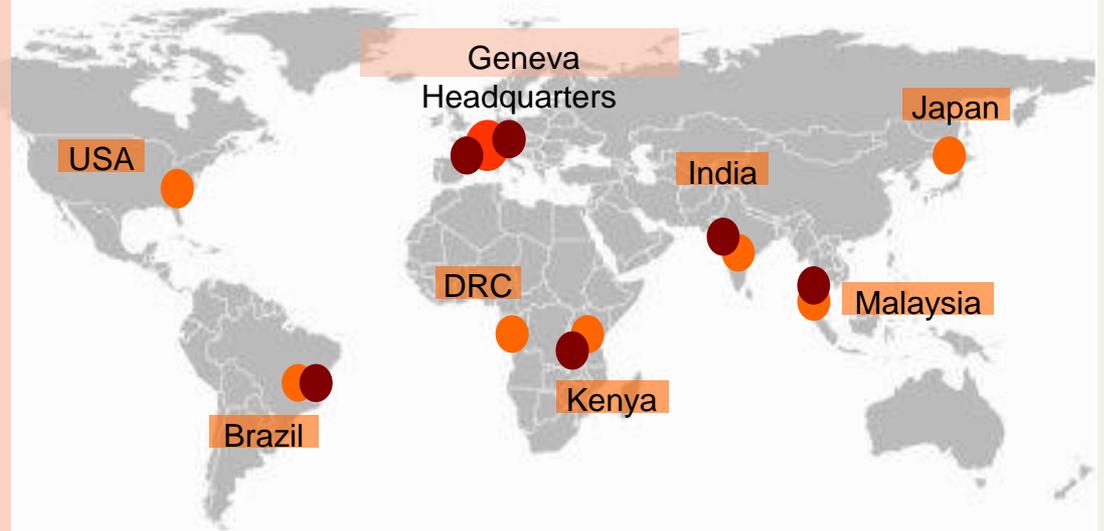
July 2003

- Creation of DNDi



Founding Partners

- Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR)
- Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI)
- Malaysian MOH
- Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Brazil
- Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)
- Institut Pasteur France
- TDR (permanent observer)



7 offices worldwide

DNDi Portfolio-Building Model:

Address Immediate Patient Needs & Deliver Innovative Medicines

- **New chemical entities (NCEs)**

Long-term projects

- **New formulations (fixed-dose combinations)**
- **New indications of existing drugs**

Medium-term projects

- **Completing registration dossier**
- **Geographical extension**

Short-term projects



Research



Translation



Development



Implementation

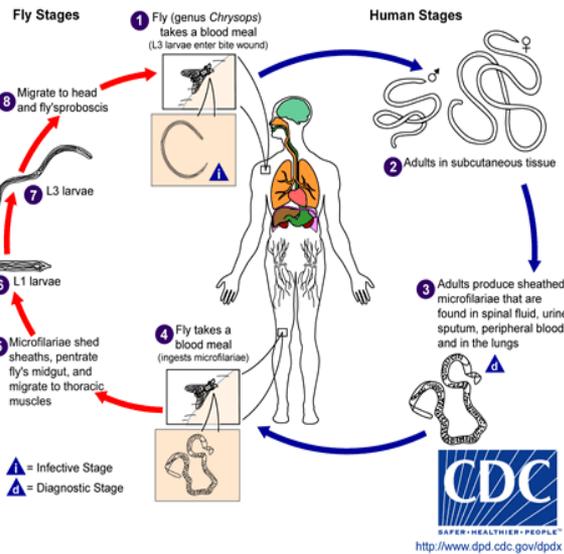
> 5 years

3-5 years

1-2 years

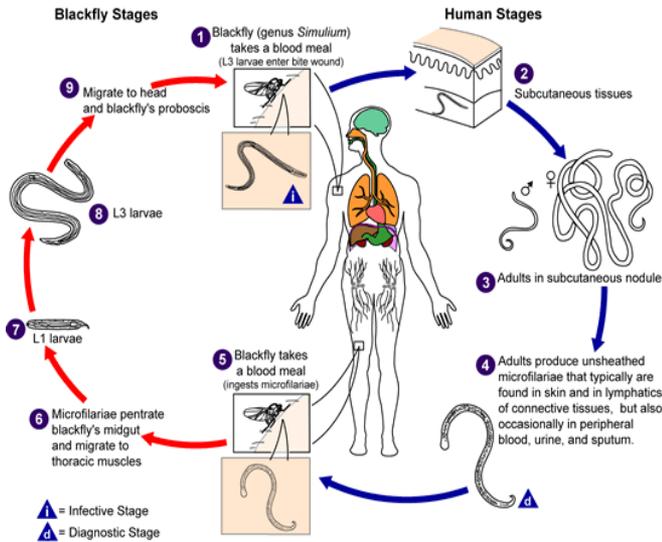
Filarial diseases

Loiasis



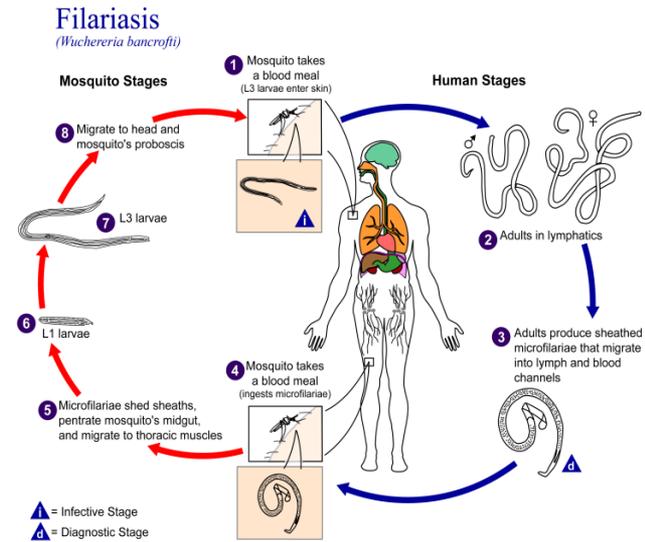
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Onchocerciasis



Onchocerca volvulus

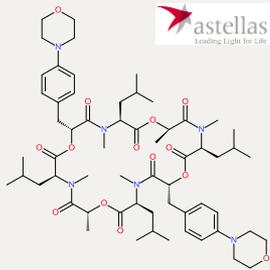
Lymphatic filariasis



Wuchereria bancrofti
Brugia spp.

Emodepside

- Anthelmintic veterinary drug for cats and dogs in combination with praziquantel (Profender®) and in combination with toltrazuril (Procox®).



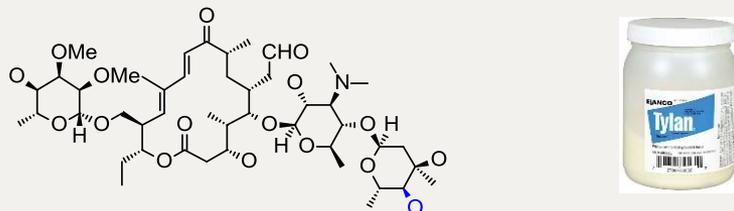
License to Bayer



- Emodepside showed remarkable *in vivo* and *in vitro* activity against a variety of filarial nematodes including *O. volvulus*.
- DNDi has an agreement with Bayer to develop emodepside for the treatment of onchocerciasis

Tylosin Analogue Macrofilaricide (TylAMac)

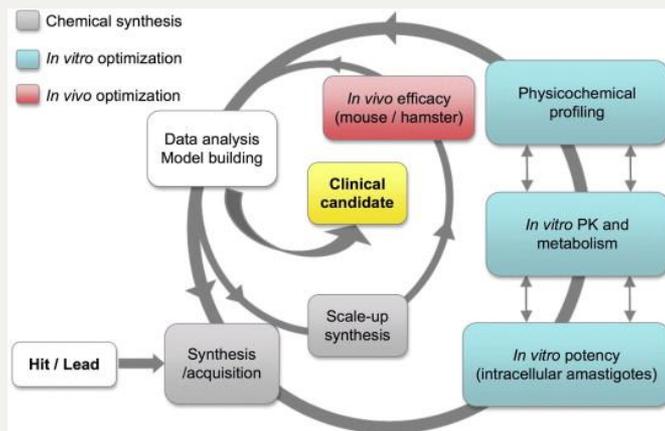
- Tylosin is a macrolide antibiotic used as food additive in veterinary medicine



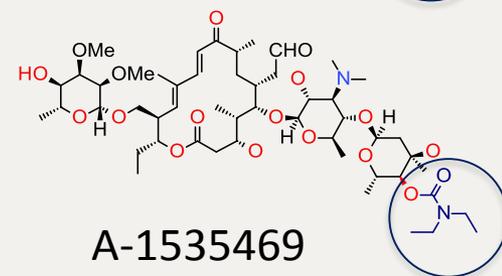
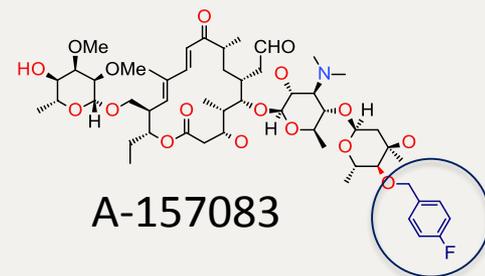
- Tylosin targets the endosymbiont *Wolbachia* bacterium present in *O. volvulus* and *W. bancrofti*. This causes:
 - Inhibition of fertility (absence of microfilariae)
 - Possible macrofilaricide activity
- Tylosin is poorly bioavailable:

Optimization program conducted by:

abbvie

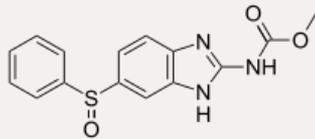


Analogues:



Oxfendazole

- Oxfendazole is a benzimidazole, anthelmintic treatment for farm and domestic animals.



- Oxfendazole is potent *in vivo* against a variety of filarial nematodes (*L. sigmodontis*, *B. malayi*, *A. viteae*)
- A Phase I trial evaluating safety and pharmacokinetics of oxfendazole is ongoing for two inductions:
 - Neurocysticercosis. Sponsor: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
 - *Tenia Solium* Infection. Sponsor: Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Batch 1

50 mg

in vitro efficacy



O. Gutturosa

Adult worm (male)

Parameters:

- Motility
- MTT

$EC_{50} \leq 1 \mu M$

// Cytotoxicity

L. sigmodontis

Adult worm

Parameters:

- Motility
- MTT

$EC_{50} \leq 1 \mu M$

O. Lienalis
microfilariae

Parameters:

- Motility

Monkey kidney cells
Feeder cell layer

No toxicity at 10 μM or
SI (cells/worms) > 5X

in vitro ADME / Chem. Charact.

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Solubility, logD, permeability (MDCK-MDR1), protein binding, metabolism in liver microsomes (human + in vivo target species)

Solubility > 0.01mg/ml at pH 7.4
Metabolic Stability: medium or high
Permeability: medium or high

Batch 2

Mouse:
200 mg

Jird:
800 mg

in vivo ADME



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In vivo mouse or jird pharmacokinetic profile at ≤ 50 mg/kg

Achievable plasma levels above EC_{50} for 24 hours

in vivo efficacy



Mouse or jird model
(*L. sigmodontis*)
 ≤ 50 mg/kg BID

Mouse or jird model

(*L. sigmodontis*)

Dose –response

At least three dose groups

Reduction of adult worms > 70%

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No toxicity

Exposure in mouse

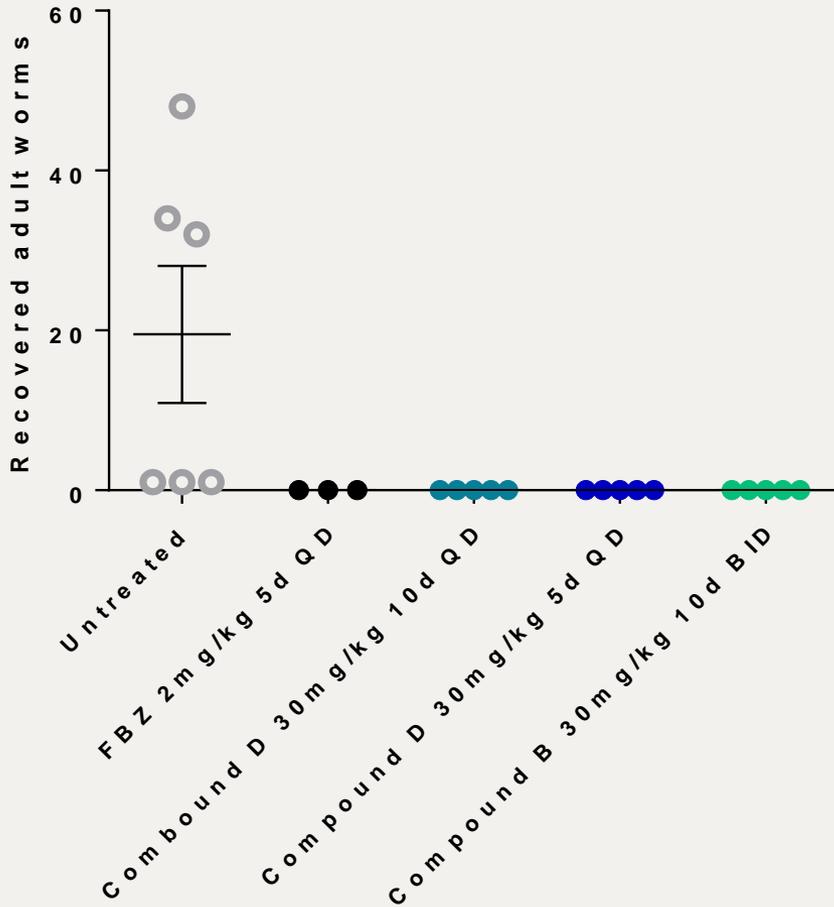
Dosing groups overlap with in vivo study

PK/PD established

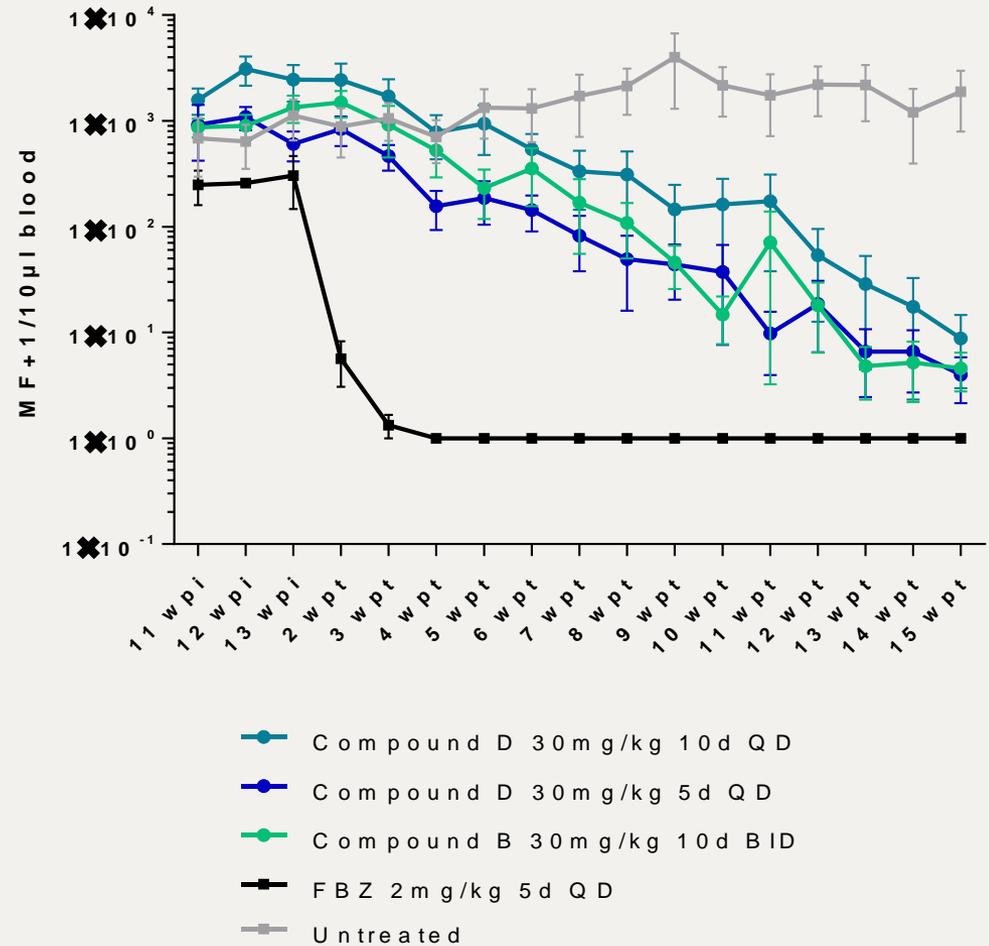
In vitro, in vivo safety profiling

In vivo Data: Gerbil *L. sigmodontis* Model

Adult worm burden gerbil



Microfilariae burden gerbil



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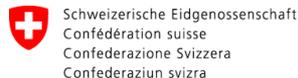
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Responding to the Needs of Patients Suffering from Neglected Diseases...



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Sleeping
sickness



Mycetoma



Malaria



Chagas
disease



Paediatric
HIV



Leishmaniasis



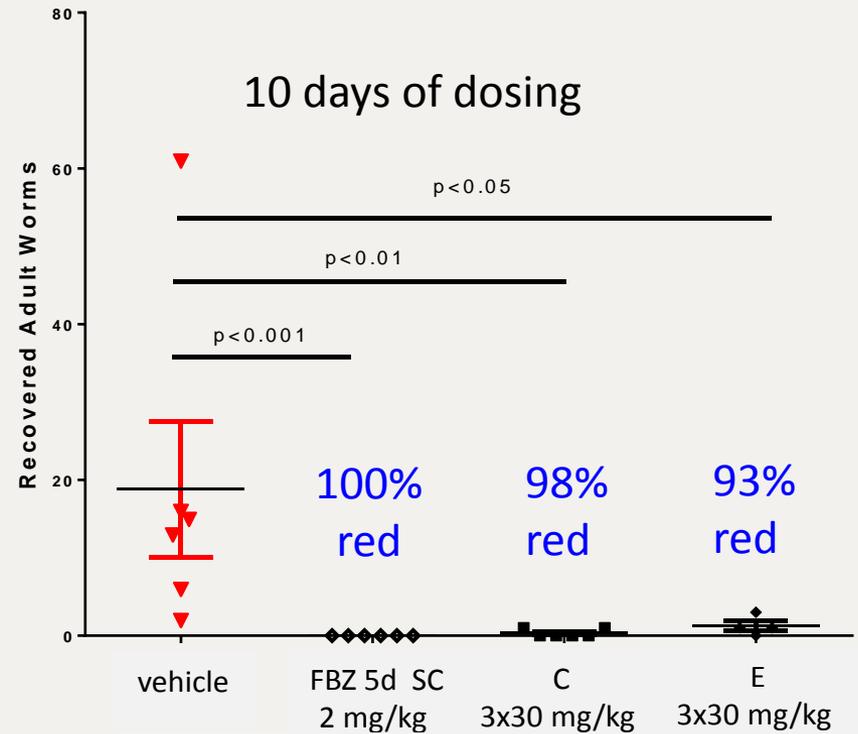
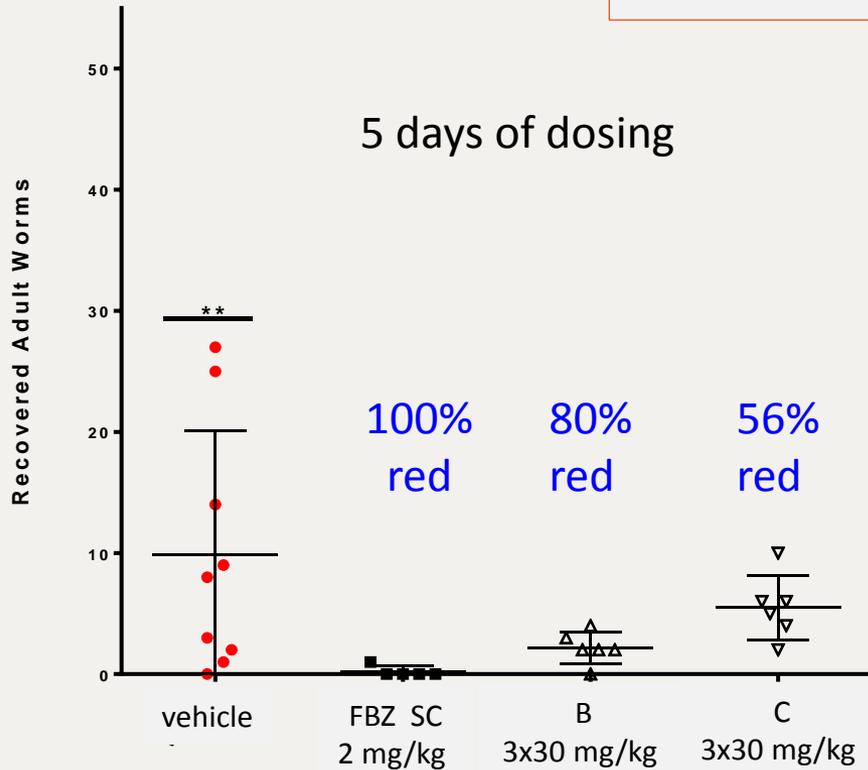
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...from Bench to Bedside

In vivo Data: Murine *L. sigmodontis* Model

Reduction of Adult Worms



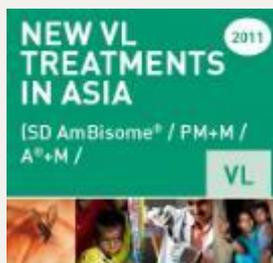
Compound B (Ser A)
O. gutt EC₅₀ = 270nM
O. lien EC₅₀ = 3100nM

Compound C (Ser B)
O. gutt EC₅₀ = 699nM
O. lien EC₅₀ > 12500nM

Compound E (Ser A)
O. gutt EC₅₀ = 27nM

↑
1 day dosing

In a decade of R&D, 6 new treatments delivered



- 30 projects, 6 diseases areas
- 15 entirely new chemical entities (NCEs)
- Over 130 partnerships, most in endemic countries
- 150 staff, half in endemic countries & 600 people working on DNDi projects
- Over EUR 350 million raised equally from public and private sources
- 3 regional disease-specific clinical trial platforms and 2 technology transfers

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