

Working Group on New TB Vaccines Open Meeting

New TB Tools Summit: Towards a World Free of TB

14 November 2023

Paris, France



Agenda

Introduction to WGNV

- David Lewinsohn, Ann Ginsberg, Shaun Palmer, Simon Mendelsohn

State of the Field of TB Vaccine R&D

- Ann Ginsberg

Panel Discussion

- Moderators: Richard White, Gopa Kumar
- Panelists: Birgitte Giersing, Michele Tameris, Shaun Palmer, Elly van Riet

Summary and Closing

- David Lewinsohn

Introduction to the Working Group on New TB Vaccines

David Lewinsohn

Shaun Palmer

Simon Mendelsohn

Ann Ginsberg



Our mission

The mission of the Working Group on New TB Vaccines is to facilitate research and development of new TB vaccines by providing an inclusive forum for stakeholders to engage in scientific exchange, build consensus on key issues, and advocate for greater support and investment in TB vaccine R&D.

How we work

The WGNV is an informal network of stakeholders engaged in all aspects of TB vaccine R&D and from all constituencies, including academics, product developers, clinicians, advocates, funders, policymakers, and affected communities. Membership is open to anyone who is interested in being engaged and involved in TB vaccine R&D.

Who we Are - Leadership

Chair

David Lewinsohn (Oregon Health & Science University, USA)

Core Group

- **Academic Institutions:** Richard G. White, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (UK)
- **Affected Communities:** *Vacant, in process of being filled*
- **Clinical Trial Sites:** Michele Tameris, South African Tuberculosis Vaccine Initiative (South Africa)
- **Developed Country NGOs/Advocacy Networks:** Shaun Palmer, TB Vaccine Advocacy Roadmap (TB Vax ARM) (Netherlands)
- **Early Career Researchers:** Puck Pelzer, IAVI (Netherlands); Paul Ogongo, University of California San Francisco (USA)
- **Funders:** Ann Ginsberg, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (USA)
- **Global TB Vaccine Partnership:** Michael Makanga (Netherlands)
- **IAVI:** Lewis Schrager (USA)
- **TBVI:** Elly van Riet (Netherlands)
- **Public Sector:** Katrin Eichelberg, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases/National Institutes of Health (USA)
- **Private Sector/Industry:** Eileen Foy, Vir Biotechnology (USA)
- **World Health Organization:** Brigitte Giersing, Vaccine and Product Delivery Research, WHO (Switzerland)

Secretariat

Hosted by IAVI

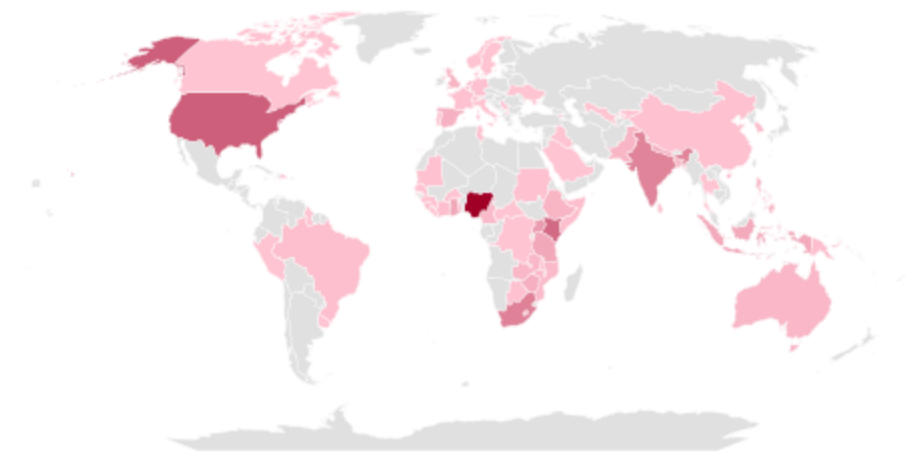
Jennifer Woolley, Head of Secretariat

Erick Auma, Intern

Who We Are – Members

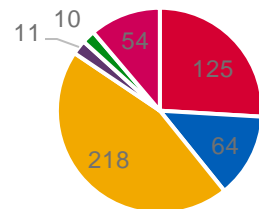
423 members from 69 countries | 132 members identify as Early Career Researchers

WGNV Members by Area of Interest



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WGNV Members by Area of Work/Focus



- Academic Research Institute
- Public Sector Agency
- NGO/Not-for-Profit
- Pharmaceutical/Biotech
- Philanthropic Foundation
- Other

As of 6 November 2023



Website (newtbvaccines.org)

- Publications, fact sheets, and other resources
- Upcoming meetings and events
- Global TB Vaccine Pipeline
- Jobs, funding, opportunities
- Take Action!



Email updates to members and subscribers



Online workshops, webinars, and discussion sessions



Active social media presence

- X (@newtbvaccines)
- LinkedIn (Stop TB Partnership Working Group on New TB Vaccines)



Online TB Research Curriculum (in collaboration with Working Groups on New Drugs and Diagnostics, and Affected Communities and NGO Delegations)



Advocacy



Fostering discussion



Supporting early career researchers



Sharing knowledge



Addressing issues in product development

WGNV Priority: Advocacy



The Need

- Meeting the global goal to develop new TB vaccines will require significantly increased funding and political will
- Preparing for equitable access to new TB vaccines will require collaboration and engagement with countries and communities way in advance of implementation



WGNV Contribution

- Participates in TB Vaccine Advocacy Roadmap (TB Vax ARM) for global efforts
- Develops and shares fact sheets and materials for advocacy, research literacy, and community engagement



How to Get Involved

- Join WGNV and indicate your interest in advocacy
- Join the **TB Vax ARM** to get information and be involved in global advocacy efforts
- Visit the “Take Action” page of the WGNV website
- Participate in WGNV/TB Vax ARM events related to advocacy

WGNV Priority: Fostering Discussion



The Need

- Developing and implementing new TB vaccines is complex; success will require alignment and coordination on key issues, concepts, and gaps in TB vaccine R&D



WGNV Contribution

- Virtual workshops on identified gaps in knowledge
 - June 2023: *Recognition of the Mtb infected cell: From basics to the clinic*
 - Oct 2023: *Generating Key TB Vaccine Epidemiological, Impact, Feasibility and Acceptability Data to Support the Introduction of New TB Vaccines at the Country Level*
 - Planned 2024: *Fit for Purpose Animal Models*



How to Get Involved

- Join WGNV and indicate an interest in Fostering Discussions
- Review resources on the WGNV website; if you are aware of additional resources, share them with us
- Participate in WGNV workshops and online discussions on key topics in TB vaccine R&D



The Need

- A platform for compiling and sharing information about TB vaccine R&D, from basic and discovery research through to access and implementation



WGNV Contribution

- Sharing resources about TB vaccine R&D through our website, including journal articles, reports, and other publications
- Compiling a global pipeline of TB vaccines in development
- Convening the Global Forum on TB Vaccines series



How to Get Involved

- Join WGNV and indicate your interest in Sharing Knowledge
- Review resources on the WGNV website; if you are aware of additional resources share them with us
- If you are developing a TB vaccine, let us know (from proof of concept in animal models stage)
- Participate in the Global Forum and other WGNV events related to sharing knowledge



The Need

- Encourage and support the next generation of TB vaccine researchers
- Assist Early Career Researchers in navigating career paths, building critical skills, and providing a network of support



WGNV Contribution

- Supports an Early Career Researcher Network,
- Organizes virtual discussion sessions for ECRs, most recently a series on career paths and opportunities in TB research
- Other activities for ECRs being planned for 2024



How to Get Involved

- Join WGNV and indicate that you are an ECR or a support of ECRs
- Participate in ECR Network activities
- Suggest activities to WGNV and ECR that would benefit ECRs



The Need

- Translating concepts for novel TB vaccines into potential products is a challenging process unfamiliar to many researchers
- The vaccine product development pathway is lengthy and complicated



WGNV Contribution


- Compiling resources on product development (available on newtbvaccines.org)
- Organizing informational webinars and workshops on key issues (planned for 2024 and beyond)



How to Get Involved

- Join WGNV and indicate your interest in Issues in Product Development
- Review resources on the WGNV website; if you are aware of additional resources share them with us
- Participate in WGNV events related to Product Development

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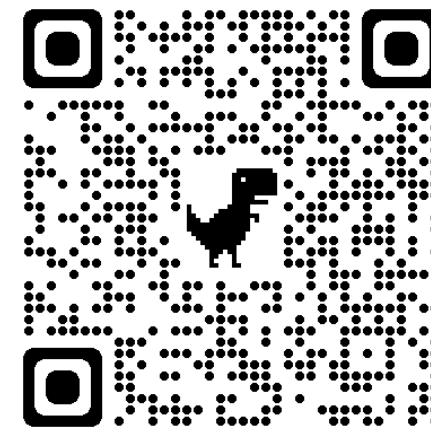
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TB VACCINE R&D: STATE OF THE FIELD

Ann M. Ginsberg

Stop TB Working Group on New Vaccines Annual Meeting

Paris, France

November 14, 2023

WHY ARE BETTER TB VACCINES URGENTLY NEEDED?

TB IS A LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH GLOBALLY

*Effective vaccines are a critical unmet public health need**

In 2022: 10.6 million new cases of TB and 1.3 million deaths

8-9% of TB cases and ~13% of TB deaths are in persons living with HIV

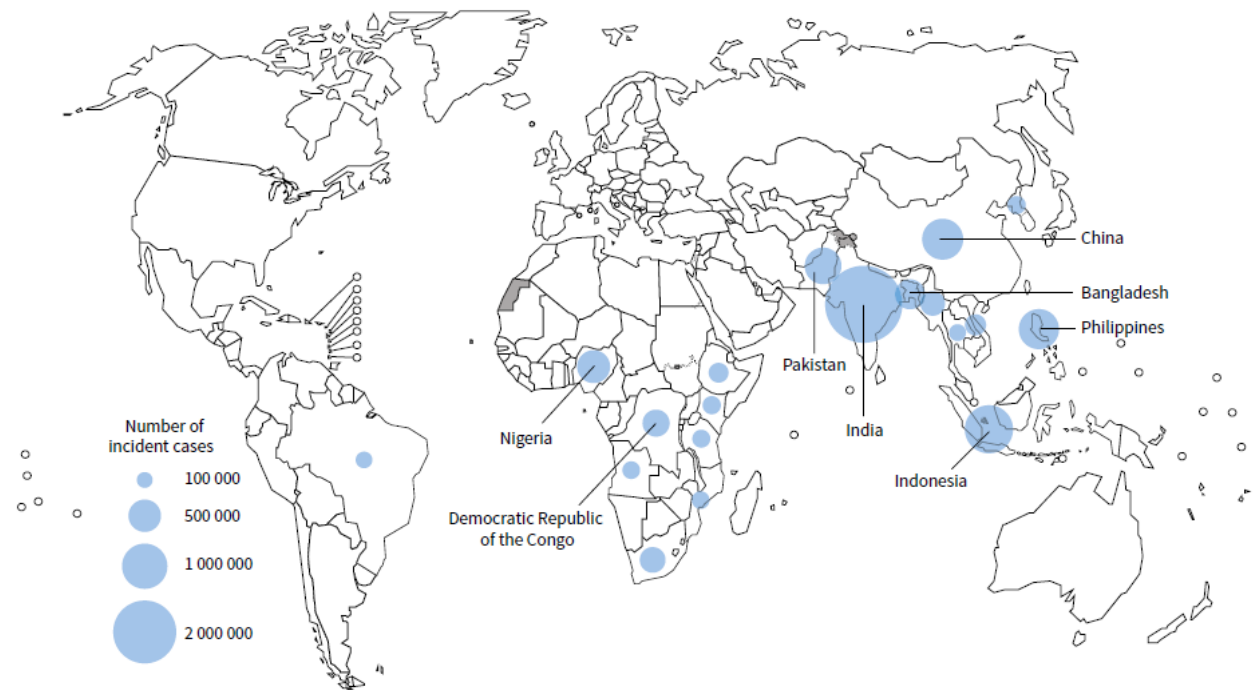
TB incidence **increased** by ~3.9% from 2020-2022

follows ~2% per year **declines** from 2010-2020

BCG helps protect young children from severe forms of TB

but does not reliably protect adolescents and adults and is not controlling the epidemic

Estimated number of incident TB cases in 2022, for countries with at least 100 000 incident cases^a

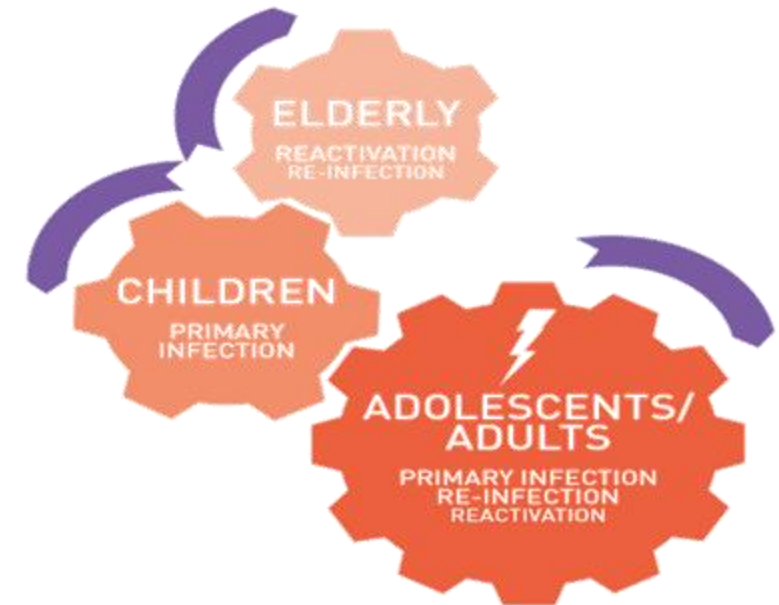
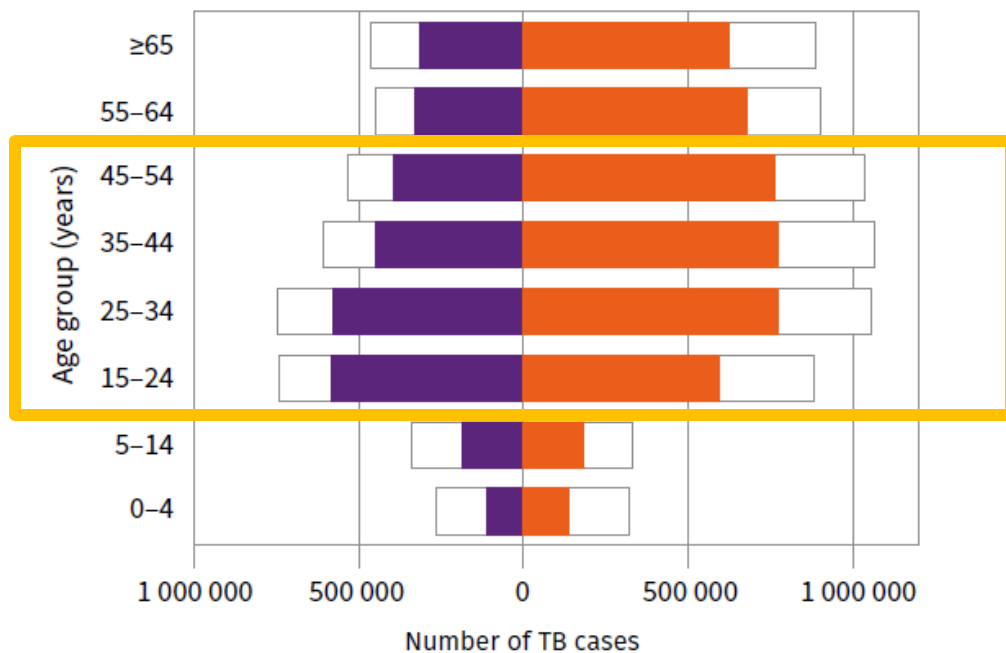


^a The eight countries ranked in order from first to last in terms of numbers of cases, and that accounted for about two thirds of global cases in 2022, are India, Indonesia, China, the Philippines, Pakistan, Nigeria, Bangladesh and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS ARE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TARGET FOR TB VACCINES

because they are the main source of M.tb transmission

Global estimates of TB incidence (black outline) and case notifications of people newly diagnosed with TB disaggregated by age and sex (female in purple; male in orange), 2022



THE GLOBAL CLINICAL PORTFOLIO OF TB VACCINE CANDIDATES






17 CANDIDATES IN CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT

TB Vaccine Pipeline












Vaccine candidates under clinical development

There are 16 vaccine candidates in the pipeline as of September 2023, of which 11 are in active trials. The candidates are placed under the phase which corresponds to the most advanced ongoing or completed trial.



Platform

-  Mycobacterial - Live attenuated
-  Mycobacterial - Inactivated
-  Viral vector
-  Protein/Adjuvant
-  RNA





Candidate target population

-  Elderly
-  Adults
-  Adolescents
-  Children
-  Infants
-  People living with HIV
-  People without mTB infection
-  People with mTB infection
-  People with active TB disease
-  People with MDR-TB
-  People cured of active TB

Trial status

-  Active trials
-  No active trials

Primary candidate indication

-  Prevention of Infection
-  Prevention of Disease
-  Prevention of Recurrence
-  Therapeutic



*BCG appears twice in the pipeline to distinguish between the investigation of its use in BCG-naive individuals (traveler vaccination) and in individuals who have previously been vaccinated with BCG (revaccination).

TB Vaccine Pipeline







Active clinical trials of TB vaccine candidates

There are 11 active clinical trials across nine candidates as of October 2022.

Platform

- Mycobacterial - Live attenuated
- Mycobacterial - Inactivated
- Viral vector
- Protein/Adjuvant
- mRNA

Trial target population

-  Elderly
-  Adults
-  Adolescents
-  Children
-  Infants
-  People living with HIV
- mTB People without mTB infection
- +mTB People with mTB infection
- aTBd People with active TB disease
- MDR People with MDR-TB
- CTB People cured of active TB

Primary trial indication

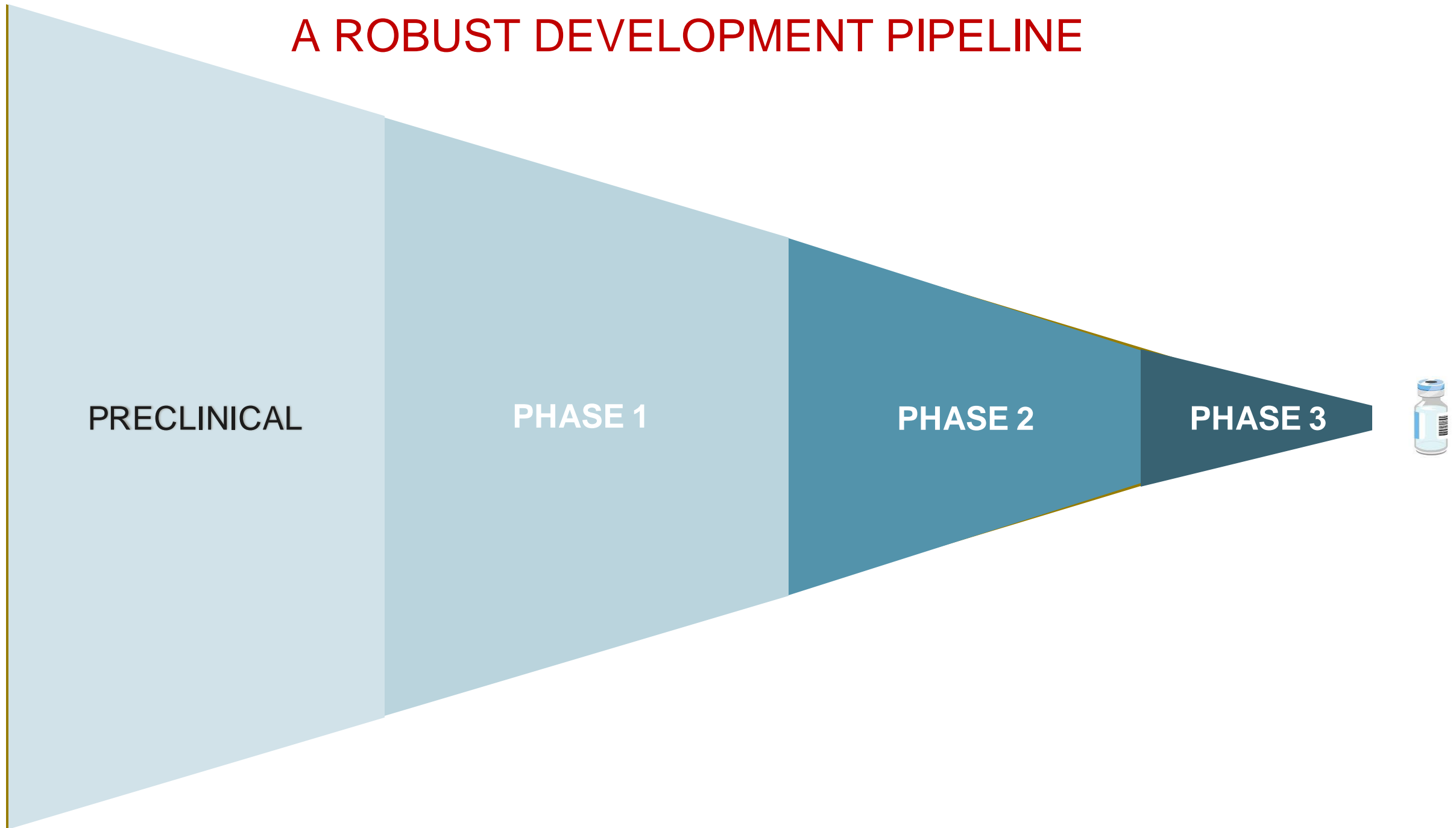
- Sf* Safety
- POI* Prevention of Infection
- POD* Prevention of Disease
- POR* Prevention of Recurrence
- Thp* Therapeutic



Trials in planning:

- H107/CAF10b Ph1a/b
- MTBVAC Ph2b (adols/adults)
- M72/AS01E Ph 3

A ROBUST DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE



ANTICIPATED BOLUS OF EFFICACY RESULTS 2024-2028

Vx candidate	Trial endpoint	Trial phase	Trial population	Results due	Comments
VPM1002					
also, IMMUVAC (MIP)	POD	Ph3	HHC (~13,000)	2024	
	POR	Ph2/3	Adults on rx (~2000)	2024	
	POI	Ph3	Infants (~6900)	2026	Non-inferiority to BCG
MTBVAC					
	POD (infants)	Ph3	Infants (~7100)	4Q 2028	Superiority to BCB
	POD (adol/adult)	Ph2b	Adol/adult (14-45; ~4300)	IA:2027?	<i>In planning</i> – starting mid-2024-T
BCG revac	POI			Primary – 2024; final - 2026	
M72/AS01_E	POD	Ph3	Adol/adult (15-44; ~26,000)	IA: 2027-8?	Powered on HIV-IGRA+ <i>T-starting 1Q 2024</i>
H56:IC31	POR	Ph2b	Cured adults	2023-4	
ID93+GLA-SE / QPT101	POD	Ph2b/3	Adol/adult in S. Korea	?	<i>In planning</i> - Starting 4Q2023-T
	Rx-shortening	Ph2b	Adults on rx	?	<i>In planning</i>
RUTI	Adjunct to rx (improved outcomes)	Ph2b	Adults on rx	4Q 2025	
GAMTBVAC	POD	Ph3	HIV-, Mtb- adults 18-45 (~7100); TB incid.>30/100,000)	4Q 2025	Substantially under-powered?

MAJOR CHALLENGES AND GAPS IN TB VACCINE R&D

Complex pathogen expressing ~4000 antigens; protective epitopes/antigens largely unknown

To date, no identified vaccine-induced Correlate(s) of Protection in humans

Human protective immune responses only partially understood

No reproducibly predictive animal model(s) human challenge model established

Pipeline of candidates not adequately robust – inverted pipeline

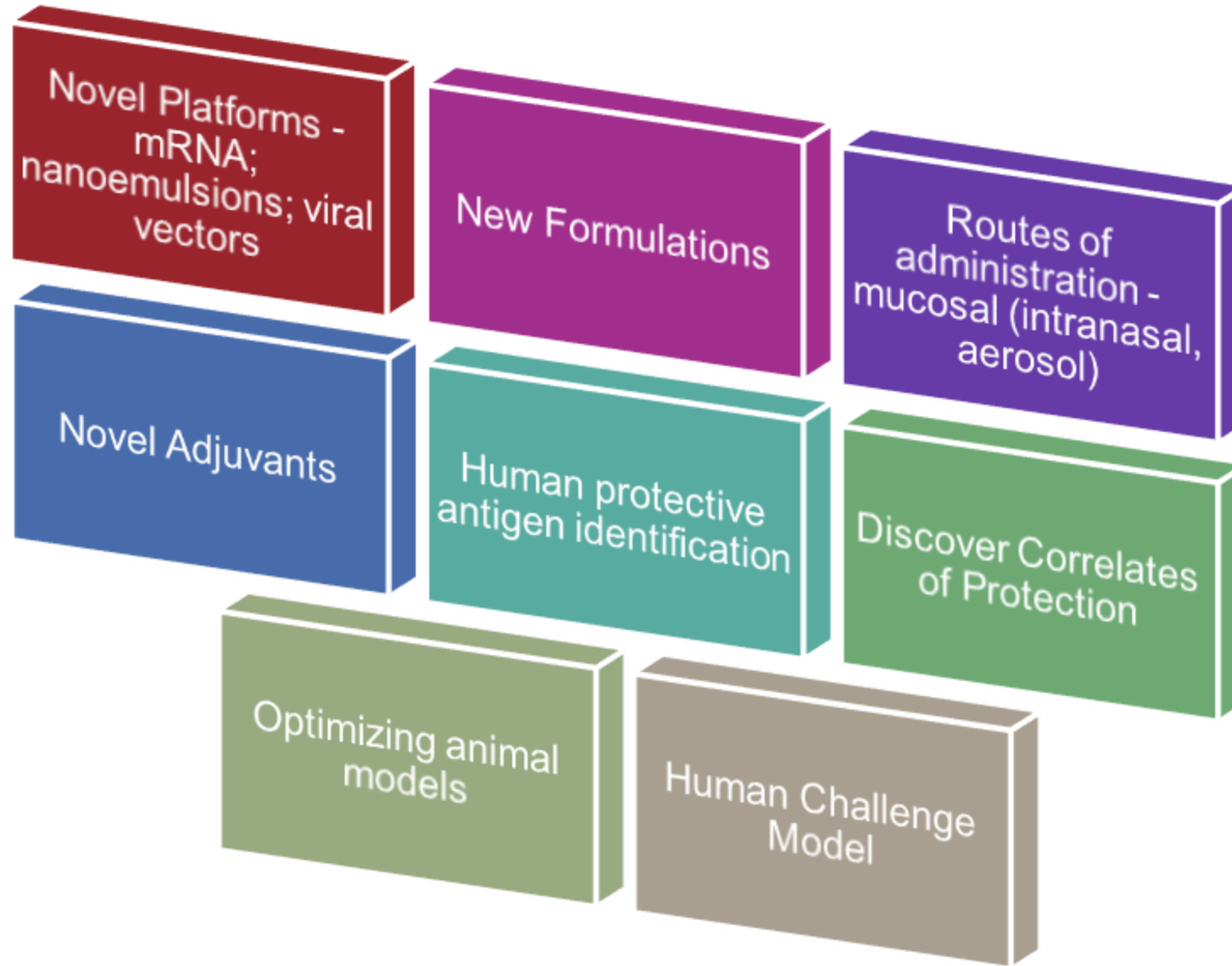
Effects of HIV status, infection (IGRA/TST) status, age and geography on vaccine efficacy must be determined for each vaccine

Inadequate capacity for multiple, overlapping registration-quality efficacy trials

Preparation for access, adoption and delivery to end users just beginning

Inadequate funding and political will

BUILDING A MORE ROBUST “NEXT GENERATION” PIPELINE



END-TO-END DEVELOPMENT OF TB VACCINES

Groundwork being laid:

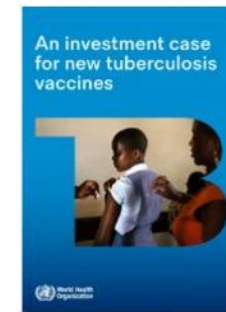


Selected examples:

- Preferred Product Characteristics
- R&D Roadmap to Phase 3 (AIGHD, EDCTP)
- Roadmap from Licensure to Implementation (WHO)
- Investment Case for a New TB Vaccine (full value assessment) (WHO)
- Evidence Considerations for Vaccine Policy (WHO)
- TB Vaccine Market Analysis (Wellcome Trust)
- National TB Vaccine Policy Project (BMGF)
- TB Vx Implementation Planning Landscape and Gap Analysis (*underway with WHO*)



WHO Preferred Product Characteristics for New Tuberculosis Vaccines



THANK YOU!

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Panel Discussion

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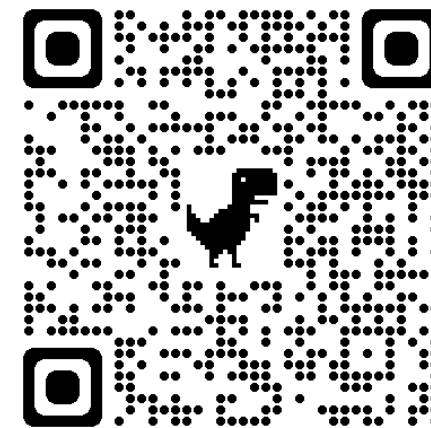
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