Facilitating Antibacterial Drug Development Outlining the Path Forward

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Scientific Challenges

- Lack of sufficient diagnostic tests
 - We need rapid, sensitive, specific, ideally bedside/office tests that directly influence use of antibiotics
- Insufficient research support
 - National Institutes of Health; Public-Private Collaborations - Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority
- Need for improved clinical trial infrastructure

BAD BUGS. NO DRUGS

As Antibiotic Discovery Stagnates

Meeting Scientific Challenges Diagnostic Tests - Path Forward

Clinical Specimen Repository

Urine, sputum, blood whose microbial content is known and validated

WHY a repository?

- To collect, save and repurpose samples from clinical trials
- So that diagnostic tests can be quickly and easily assessed
- Allow researchers (Govt and industry funded) to access samples and conduct new trials
 - Validate diagnostic tests quickly

How to establish a repository?

- Similar to Cancer Human Bio-Bank established by National Cancer Institute
- National Institutes of Health funding initially, goal to become selfsufficient (via charges for access/analysis)

Meeting Scientific Challenges Diagnostic Tests - Path Forward

Clinical Trials

- Integrate diagnostic development with drug development
- More early and /or point of care diagnostics
 - Enrich clinical trial evaluable population
 - Provide generalizable data

Research Support – some good news Public Private Collaboration

BARDA

- Contracts for advanced R&D of Gram-negative active drugs awarded to
 - Achaogen ACHN 490
 - \$27M over the 1st two years; up to \$64.5M
 - GSK 2251052
 - \$38.5M over the 1st two years; up to \$94M
 - Tetraphase TP-434
 - \$11.4 M 1st year; up to \$67.2 M

Public-Private Collaboration HHS Medical Countermeasures (MCM) PLAN – Aug, 2010

Strategic investment firm called for in the Pandemic All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA) funded through tax dollars, but operates outside of government; to leverage venture capital

- 1st focus
 - novel antimicrobials for resistant organisms
- Passed Senate as part of PAHPA
- We need the House to agree
- \$50 MM proposed FY 13 in President's budget
 - We need more

Research Support – some good news

NIH

- Research funding slowly increasing
- NIAID funds development of new broad-spectrum therapeutics,
 Oct 2011
 - CUBRC partnership with Tetraphase TP-271
 - \$5.7 M, up to \$35 M over 5 years
 - Enanta biocyclolides
 - \$14.3 M, up to \$43 M over 5 years
- Host-Targeted Interventions as Therapeutics for Infectious
 Diseases (R21/R33) \$4 M/yr for 5 years to be funded in May 2012
- Partnerships for Development of Therapeutics and Diagnostics for Biodefense (R01) \$9.3 M /yr for 5 years to be funded in January 2013

Paths Forward – New ideas?

National Institutes of Health National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) partnership with Pfizer, AZ and Lilly

- Plan
 - allocate \$20 M fiscal 2013
- Pairs researchers with drug companies to repurpose compounds that never moved beyond phase I or II
- Currently includes 3 companies/24 compounds
- Focus
 - rare/genetic disorders/neurological conditions
- Is NIAID involved in this or similar ID-only focused effort?

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Clinical Trials Infrastructure on Antibiotic Resistant Bacterial Infections

Purpose

- To do studies that industry can't, or are not willing, to perform
- Build on existing infrastructure (from AIDS Trials Networks, etc.)
- Develop clinical trials leadership group

Timeline

Earliest start date: December 2013 (FY 2014)

Funding

- Initially 10M USD (the cost of ONE typical early study in patients)
 much more \$\$\$ needed!
- IDSA supports a total NIAID commitment of \$500 M specific to antibacterial resistance and antibiotic R&D research (including but not limited to the clinical trials infrastructure)

Future goal:

Clinical trials consortia

More on NIAID Antibacterial Resistance Strategic Plan

NIAID should form a blue ribbon panel of experts including representatives from

- Infectious diseases professional societies
- Pharmaceutical and diagnostics industries
- Others

Goal:

create an antibacterial resistance strategic plan to assist in prioritizing research

NIAID should continue to improve speed and efficiency of its preclinical services and other resources, including genomic-related services, for both the investigator community and companies that are on a product development timeline

Priority: Recruiting new investigators into antibacterial resistance

Meeting Regulatory Challenges Guidances – Speed is Key!

- Predictable, feasible guidance needed on
 - Standard antibiotic indications often the initial development pathway
 - FNIH process
 - Feasibility key consider the "costs" of various options (e.g., inclusion criteria that limit US patient enrollment)
 - Pathways for new Gram-negative antibiotics (e.g., urinary tract, intra-abdominal infections, and pneumonia)
 - For newly-emerging resistant pathogens these studies can't easily be done
 - Tiered approach (PhRMA) or LPAD

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- Harmonization a key goal
 - Global development programs
- New approaches desperately needed consider
 - Small studies
 - Clinical trials consortia
 - Patient registries
 - Bacteria- or "organism-specific" rather than disease-specific approval
 - Pathway must permit development of multiple drugs over time

Legislative Solutions

- Public-Private Collaboration (PPC) Report
 - Lead Federal Agency to explore PPCs
 - pursue options with the European Union's Innovative Medicines Initiative
- Biorepository Feasibility Report
- Limited Population Antibiotic Drug (LPAD) Proposal
 - FDA should move quickly to adopt LPAD to the extent possible through regulatory means and through Interim Final Regulation if possible to expedite LPAD's creation

Legislative Solutions

- Generating Antibiotic Incentives Now (GAIN) Act
- Tax incentives
- Transferable R&D tax credits similar to what is available for Orphan Drugs, but with the option of allowing them to be transferable so that small companies without profits can sell them
- IDSA is advocating for strengthened appropriations for BARDA, NIAID and FDA

Our Patients Desperately Need New Antibiotics - The Path Forward

Scientific paths

- Central Clinical Specimen Repository
- Research Support NIH, BARDA, PPCs
- Clinical Trials Infrastructure

Regulatory paths

- LPAD??
- Feasible, predictable FDA Guidances
 - Resistant-pathogen "unmet need" guidance a priority
 - FNIH, other efforts
 - Permit development of multiple drugs over time

Legislative paths

Incentives - GAIN, LPAD, PDUFA



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