

### Open Innovation and MoA Tools for Kinetoplastids and Antimalarial Drug Discovery

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#### **Agenda**



- DDW focused research in diseases of the developing world
- Three different units and models sharing a common goal
- Strategy of Kinetoplastids Discovery Unit
- Objectives of Malaria DPU
- Mode of action tools to identify differentiated antimalarials
- Case study: result of strategy

"All animal studies were ethically reviewed and carried out in accordance with European Directive 2010/63/EU and the GSK Policy on the Care, Welfare and Treatment of Animals."

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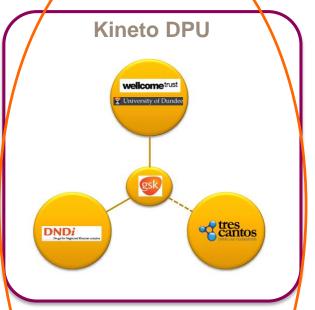




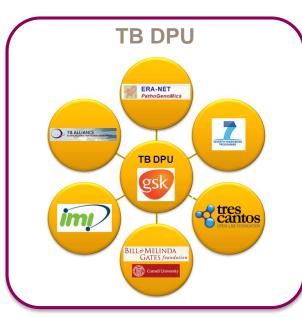
### DDW: One site and three DPUs with different business



model



- Virtual unit acting as catalys
- Untapped area where DDW can add value
- Key partnerships formed



- Partnerships formed place GSK at the cutting edge of TB research
- Pooling of TB expertise through collaborative consortia



- GSK has world class malaria research capability
- Scientific advances have provided new opportunities
- Key strategic partnership with MMV

#### Kinetoplastids DPU – Strategy



•Through a virtual model, act as a catalyst to discover medicines in Sleeping Sickness, Chagas Disease and Leishmaniasis

## Build a Sustainable Pipeline

## Fill Scientific capability gaps

#### Partnership model

- •Focus Lead ID through phenotypic assays
- •Target-based approach opportunistically (Open lab)
- BD
- Repositioning

- Focus on scientific needs and tools for DD.
- In vitro assays
- Translational studies; animal models; PK/PD
- Biomarkers, diagnostic, etc
- MoA, etc

- Partners bring parasite and disease expertise.
- GSK brings Drug Discovery expertise

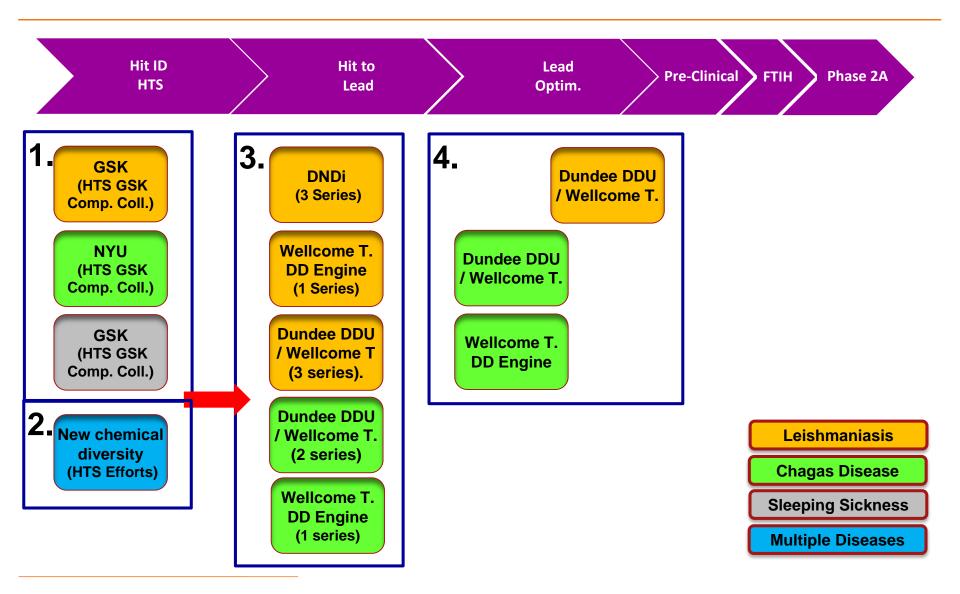






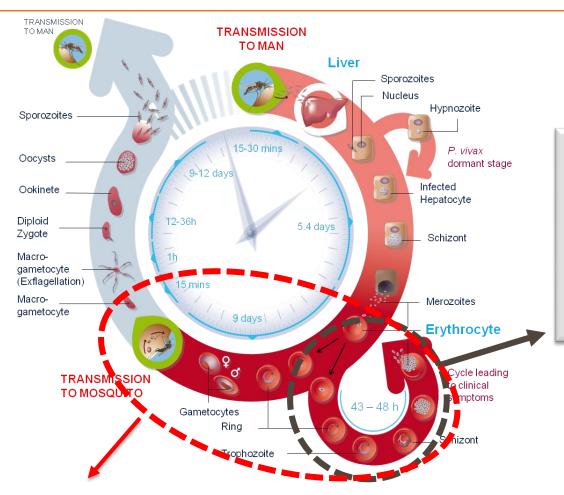
#### Kinetoplastids DPU: Kinetoplastid-Porfolio Highlights





#### Malaria DPU: identifying differentiated antimalarials





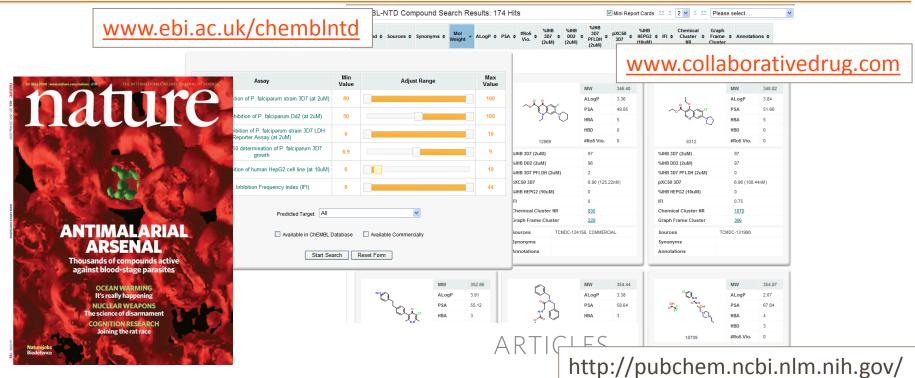
Deliver next generation of fast-acting antimalarials to deliver new front-line treatment options and mitigate the risk that ACTs become compromised

Deliver a new class of dual acting antimalarial drugs that are schizontocidal and eliminate mature gametocytes resulting in the blockade of transmission

#### Phenotypic screening as main source of antimalarial hits



TCAMS: 13,500 hits publicaly available



#### Thousands of chemical starting points for antimalarial lead identification

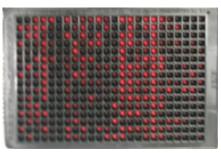
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Malaria is a devastating infection caused by protozoa of the genus *Plasmodium*. Drug resistance is widespread, no new chemical class of antimalarials has been introduced into clinical practice since 1996 and there is a recent rise of parasite strains with reduced sensitivity to the newest drugs. We screened nearly 2 million compounds in GlaxoSmithKline's chemical library for inhibitors of *P. falciparum*, of which 13,533 were confirmed to inhibit parasite growth by at least 80% at 2 µM concentration. More than 8,000 also showed potent activity against the multidrug resistant strain Dd2. Most (82%) compounds originate from internal company projects and are new to the malaria community. Analyses using historic assay data suggest several novel mechanisms of antimalarial action, such as inhibition of protein kinases and host–pathogen interaction related targets. Chemical structures and associated data are hereby made public to encourage additional drug lead identification efforts and further research into this disease.

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#### **Sharing of TCAMS across the malaria community**



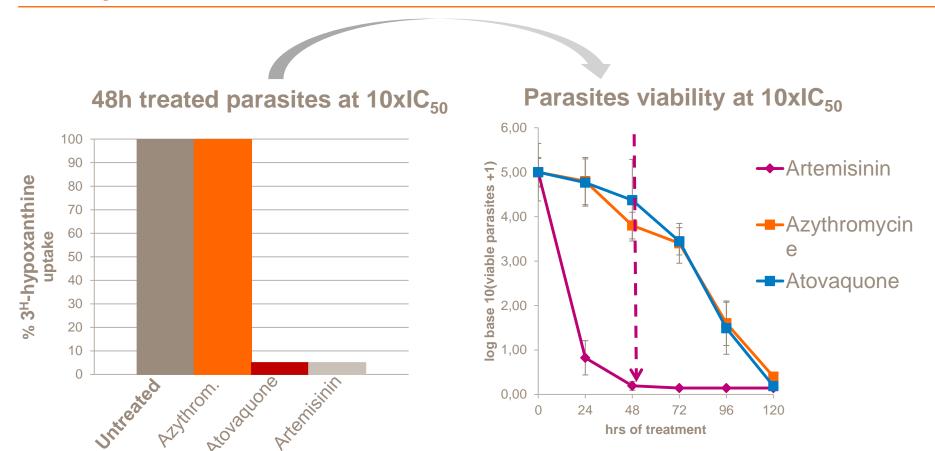






# Killing rates determination to prioritize fast acting compounds

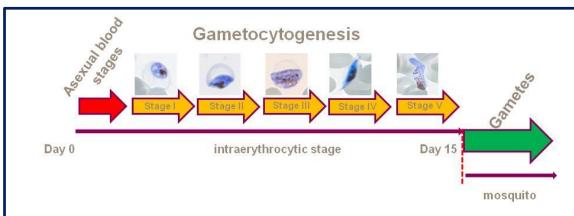




- Metabolism is not a good surrogate of parasite viability
  - Growth stopped but viable parasite and viceversa

# Transmission blocking assays to prioritize gametocytocidal compounds

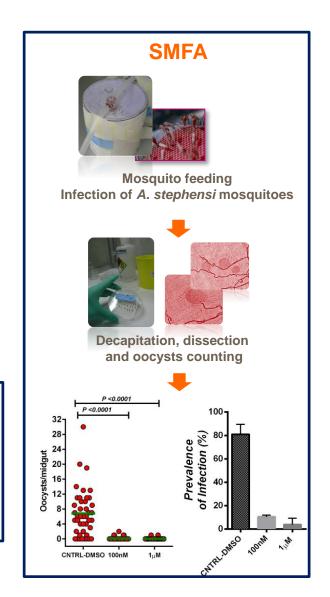




- Gametocytocidal activity needed for malaria eradication
- Assay for activity against mature gametocytes in place

 Fully operational in-house insectary to validate TrB potencial

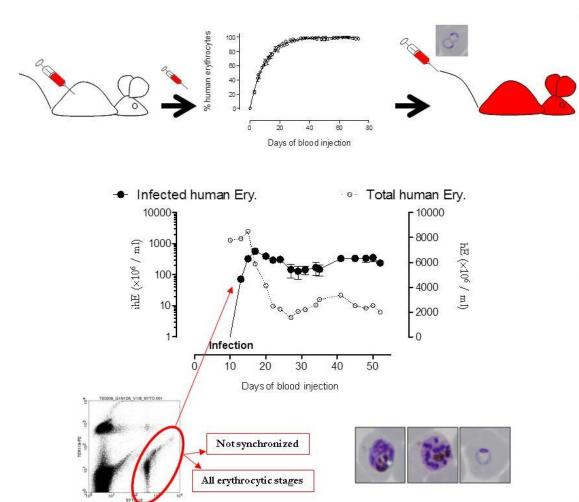


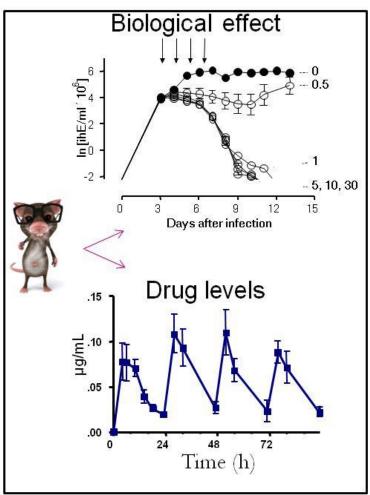


#### P. falciparum murine malaria model

Working with the human pathogen



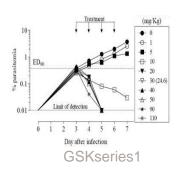


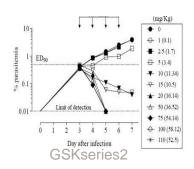


#### Strategy is being successful



Fast acting and TrB potential embedded in the same molecule



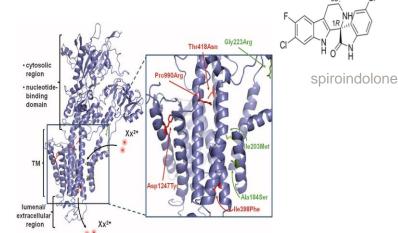


- Target ID efforts to assist lead optimization program
- Linkable analogs designed for proteomic approach
  - Pull down experiments ongoing
- Genomic approach selected <u>resistant</u> <u>mutants</u> for both series
  - Sequencing has revealed mutations in PFL0590c locus

 PFL0590c locus encodes PfATP4 type ATPase4)



- First described by Novartis as causing resistance to spiroindolone NITD 609
- Additional chemotypes displaying cross-resistance with PfATP4-R mutants



Science. 2010 September 3; 329(5996): 1175–1180.

Multiple chemotypes sharing same mechanism of resistance



