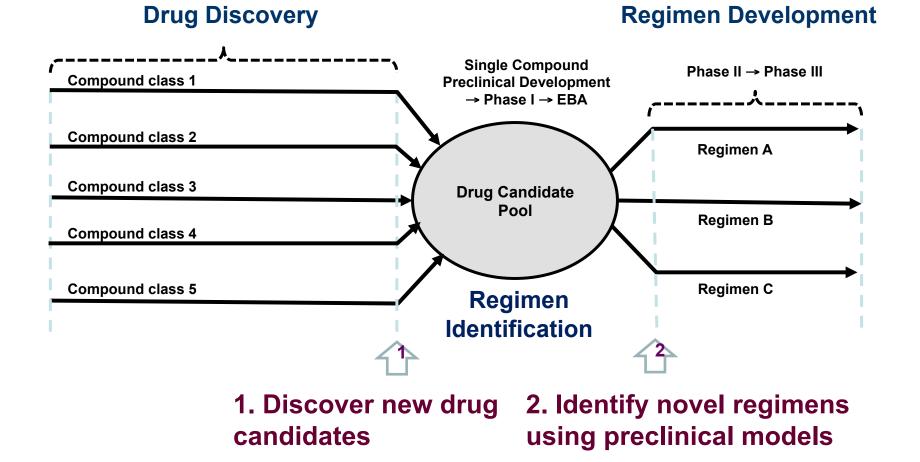
# **Preclinical Portfolio**

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#### **Objectives of Preclinical Programs**





### **2011 TB Alliance Portfolio**

Discovery		LEAD OPTIMIZATION	Preclinical Development	Clinical Development		
TARGET OR CELL-BASED SCREENING	LEAD IDENTIFICATION			CLINICAL PHASE I	CLINICAL PHASE II	CLINICAL PHASE III
Natural Products IMCAS	Whole-Cell Hit to Lead Program GSK	Mycobacterial Gyrase Inhibitors GSK	<b>TBA-354</b> U. of Auckland/ U. III Chicago		PA-824 Novartis	Moxifloxacin (+ H, R, Z) Bayer
TB Drug Discovery Portfolio NITD		THPP Series GSK	Preclinical TB Regimen Development JHU/U. III Chicago		TMC207 Tibotec	Moxifloxacin (+ R, Z, E Bayer
Inhibitors AZ/NYMC	Gyrase B Inhibitors AZ	<b>Pyrazinamide Analogs</b> Yonsei			PA-824/Pyrazinamide	
	Folate Biosynthesis Inhibitors AZ	<b>Diarylquinolines</b> Tibotec/U. of Auckland			TMC207/Pyrazinamide	
	Whole-Cell Hit to Lead Program AZ	Riminophenazines IMM/BTTTRI			PA-824/TMC207	
	<b>RNA Polymerase Inhibitors</b> AZ				PA-824/ Moxifloxacin/ Pyrazinamide	
	Energy Metabolism Inhibitors AZ/U. Penn					-
Novel TB regimen development						
Current first-line TB treatment consists of: isoniazid (H) + rifampicin (R) + pyrazinamide (Z) + ethambutol (E)						



### **Portfolio Approach: Balancing Impact/Risk**

- 1. Optimize known compound classes: to fully capitalize on the success of compounds already in development; develop best-in-class
  - TMC207 a novel class for both DS/DR-TB
  - PA-824 a novel class for both DS/DR-TB
  - Pyrazinamide an important agent for future regimens
  - Clofazimine known class for leprosy, potential for both DS/DR-TB
- 2. Develop novel classes based on known targets: to capitalize on validated drug targets, discover novel classes to address resistance
  - RNA polymerase inhibitors target of rifamycins
  - DNA gyrase inhibitors target of fluoroquinolones
- **3. Develop novel classes based on novel targets**: to discover new drug classes with novel mode of action
  - Topoisomerase I inhibitors
  - FolB inhibitors
  - Chemical genomic approach whole-cell screening



### **2011 Major Advancements**

- Multiple novel drug regimens identified with potential to shorten duration of therapy to < 2 months (JHU)</li>
- TBA-354, a new generation nitroimidazole, advanced into preclinical development (ACSRC/UIC)
- THPP, a novel compound class with a novel mode of action, advanced into lead optimization (GSK)
- Pyrazinamide (PZA) analog program initiated to identify a next generation PZA, ideally to overcome PZA resistance (BioDuro/Yonsei)



#### **2011 Discontinued Projects**

- Protease inhibitors strategic change to focus on later stage programs
- Menaquinone A inhibitors selectivity, did not meet in vivo milestones
- InhA inhibitors did not meet in vivo milestones, DDI issues
- Malate synthase inhibitors did not meet *in vivo* milestones



#### **New Partners**

- Sanofi portfolio
- Abbott portfolio
- Scripps Research Institute



### **Potential Compounds for Regimens**

(Current orally active compounds in clinical trials)

- Rifampin/Rifapentine
- Isoniazid
- Pyrazinamide
- Ethambutol
- Clofazimine

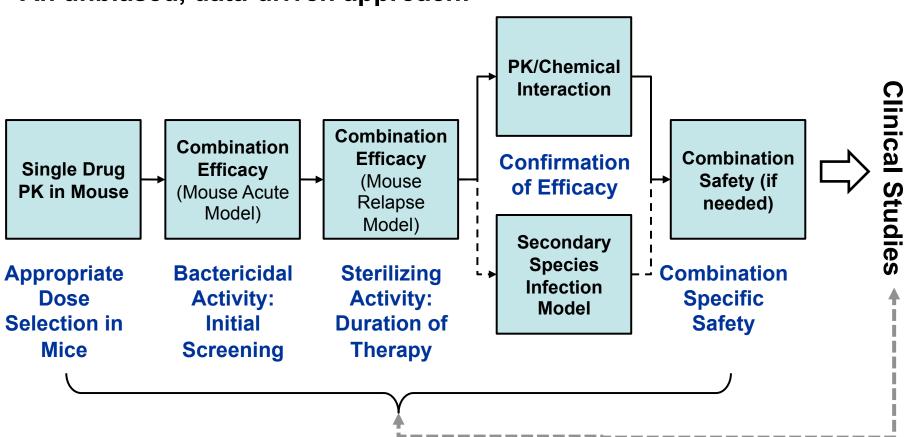
- Moxifloxacin/Gatifloxacin
- Linezolid/PNU-100480/AZD5847
- TMC207
- PA-824/OPC-67683
- SQ109

Potential 3- and 4-drug combinations: 330 (without even varying dose)

The need for prioritization using preclinical models



### **Process for Novel Regimen Discovery**

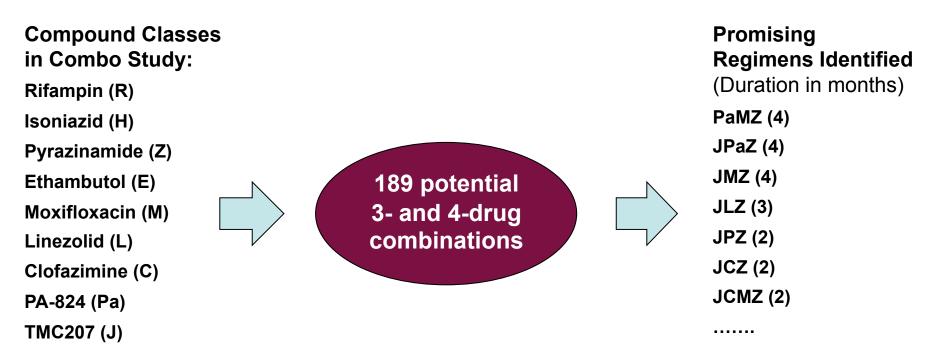


#### An unbiased, data-driven approach:

#### Validation of preclinical models



### **Novel Regimens Identified to Date**



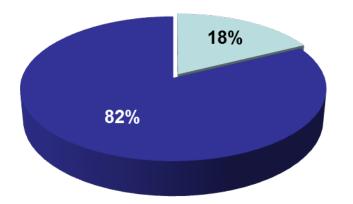
Key criteria for selecting regimens for further development:

- Duration of therapy (4 months for DS and 6 months for MDR)
- Drug resistance (MDR and XDR-TB)
- Safety/tolerability including Phase I
- Co-administration with ARV
- Compliance issues (PK, once daily or less frequent dosing)
- Cost of goods

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### **2011 Partner Contribution**

#### **Discovery Resources**



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#### **Current discovery portfolio partners:**

- AstraZeneca
- Auckland Cancer Society Research Center
- Beijing Tuberculosis and Thoracic Tumor Research Institute
- BioDuro/PPD
- Colorado State University
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Institute of Materia Medica, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences
- Johns Hopkins University
- NIH/NIAID
- Novartis Institute of Tropical Diseases
- New York Medical College
- Research Triangle Institute
- Tibotec/J&J
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Pennsylvania
- Yonsei University

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