NIAID TB/HIV Clinical Research Coordination and Collaborations and Global Activities

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Allergy, Immunology and Transplantation DAIT

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AIDS DAIDS

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NIAID is the lead NIH Institute for TB Research

• Supports all aspects of TB biomedical research - fundamental and applied to further understanding, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention

• Provides critical resources to fill gaps in basic, translational, and clinical research in TB, including preclinical and clinical product development/testing
TB Research – 2011 and Beyond

- We must transform the field of TB research

- We are playing “catch up” after decades of neglect and so incremental changes are not sufficient

- TB is an ancient disease, but we need to understand it in modern terms, using cutting-edge technologies to ask and answer questions that have never been adequately addressed
Lessons from AIDS, Applied to TB

- Commit substantial financial and human resources
- Enlist the “best and the brightest” investigators in basic and clinical research, domestically and internationally
- Engage with the activist community
- Foster cross-sector collaboration with industry, academia, global organizations, philanthropies, NGOs
- Garner support of leaders and policymakers
TB Therapeutic Clinical Research Priorities

- **New drugs and combinations for DS and DR TB:**
  - Efficient Phase I and II evaluations \(\rightarrow\) Phase III
  - Killing Persisters – Sterilizing activity is crucial

- **TB/HIV Therapy**
  - Co-treatment regimens
  - Earlier ART for TB prevention

- **Improved diagnostics and DST**
- **Prognostic biomarkers for treatment response**
- **Chemoprevention of TB**
- **Pathogenesis and translational research**
Therapeutic Strategy to Address TB/HIV

- Current focus is on the development of new drugs → optimal combinations
  - Need for new first line therapy that is:
    - Safe/well tolerated
    - Affordable
    - Effective
    - Reduces treatment time/pill burden
    - Active against DS and resistant TB
    - High barrier to drug resistance
    - Compatible with ART
What do we need to get it done?

- Enhance/adapt existing NIAID clinical research resources for TB
- Coordination and Collaborations
  - Other sponsors (US/EU and pharmaceuticals)
  - International research agencies
  - TB/HIV Integration
- Innovative research approaches
- Develop highly efficient therapeutic research strategies and trial designs
“I am in the process of exploring the possibility... of utilizing our HIV/AIDS clinical trials networks for the implementation of similar clinical trials capacities for TB as well as other infectious diseases.”

--- Pacific Health Summit, June 17, 2009
NIAID Clinical Trials/Research Infrastructure

DAIDS Cooperative Agreements
- AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG)
- International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials (IMPAACT)
- HIV Vaccine Trials Networks (HVTN)

DMID Contracts
- Vaccine and Treatment Evaluation Units (VTEU)
- Phase I Clinical Trials Units

- Tuberculosis Research Unit (TBRU)*
- Tuberculosis Clinical Diagnostics Research Consortium (CDRC)*

Both Divisions
- Support for Unsolicited Clinical Research Projects

* TB specific
Leadership and Sites for HIV/AIDS Therapeutic Clinical Trials - Renewals

**FY 13 DAIDS FOA Objective:**
To establish the Leadership of HIV International Clinical Trial Networks to carry out the NIAID therapeutic research agenda in the following four areas:

- **Tuberculosis**
- Infectious hepatitis
- Cure and/or functional cure for AIDS
- Non-infectious co-morbidities and novel interventions for HIV-infected individuals

**FY14 DAIDS FOA Objective:**
To establish clinical trials units/sites for performance of studies to carry out the NIAID therapeutic research agenda
Coordination Platforms/Forums

• **Therapeutics (Combination Development)**
  - Phase II planning forum and interactions with CPTR
  - Establishment of web site for posting trials in development

• **Diagnostics/DST/Biomarker Research**
  - June workshop → establishment of C & C Forum with regular meetings/postings and interactions with CPTR for biomarkers

• **TB Vaccine Research**
  - 1) NIAID TB Vaccine Clinical Research Coordination Committee including IMPAACT, HVTN, ACTG, NICHD, DMID/VTEU
  - 2) Strategic Coordination Forum with Aeras and TBVI, others
GATB, ACTG, TBTC Consortium for TB Biomarkers (CTBB)

A collaborative project for standardized sample biobanking

- Contract with repository vendors to establish biobank
- Develop umbrella protocol to specify type, timing, processing, shipping of samples, etc. from selected treatment trials
- Constitute advisory group to review sample use proposals

Other trial sponsors are welcome to join
Coordination and Collaborations

**Trials Capacity**

- **Phase III trials will be large** – require collaborations (CPTTR is addressing several aspects)
- **Phase II planning is reaching a critical stage**
  and needs to be efficient and timely
- **No one group has enough resources for any aspect**
  - Funding -- This is not the 1990’s and this is not HIV!!
  - Site and lab capacity, capabilities, training
  - Sufficient potential study populations
- **Sufficient study drug supply to include all promising combinations**
Projects that have not identified a lead compound series are considered to be in the screening phase of development and are not included. As of publication, there are 11 screening projects in progress as described on http://www.newtbdrgus.org/pipeline.php.

*Initiation of drug combination studies
Possible Combinations – Phase II Trials

Classes = 8
• Possible 3 drug combos = 56
• Possible 4 drug combos = 70

Classes = 10
• Possible 3 drug combos = 120
• Possible 4 drug combos = 210
Coordination of Phase II Combo Trials

NIAID – ACTG, TBRU
CDC – TBTC

WHO, NGOs, etc.

GATB

PHARMAs

Coordinate Phase II Combination Work

EDCTP – PANACEA
UKMRC

FDA/EMA, etc.
Forum to Coordinate Phase II/III Clinical Trials - Initial Meeting 9/23/11

- Brief overview of each group’s mission, capabilities, AND relevant *results from recent studies and plans*

- Phase II combination study planning coordination
  - Efficiently/promptly sharing new study results
  - Which combinations would be done by whom/when
  - Anticipate and obtain necessary pre-clinical and clinical data to allow study of specific combos

- Establish an ongoing Phase II/III Planning Forum
  - Drafting a proposal for how groups will work to coordinate
  - *Quarterly discussions* with 1-2 meetings/year
Harmonization

- Data elements, standards, endpoint definitions, adverse events
- Lab procedures for diagnostics/endpoints, DST, quality assurance
- Site surveys, qualifications/standards, training, and monitoring
- Stored sample collection specifications and procedures
- Also, assess opportunities for collaborative conduct of trials
Global Activities
Building Clinical Trial Capacity

- Support from the Government, both Central and Provincial
- Partner with excellent in-country scientists, institutions, etc.
- Construct regulatory process and ethics committee
- Identify patient populations with TB and HIV
- Assemble laboratory, clinic, and pharmacy facilities
- Obtain funding and enhance international collaborations
Sino-US (Henan) TB prevention and treatment academy

“The success of our joint TB research program would not be possible without the continued support and cooperation of the United States and Chinese governments working at the national and provincial levels to bring together expertise and collaboration opportunities …..”

“I look forward to a future when US-China leadership in combating TB, through concrete projects such as our joint research partnership in Henan, makes significant, transformative advances in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of TB worldwide …..”

Anthony S. Fauci
China Daily, 2011-03-24
Current Global Activities/China

- FY12 Funding Opportunity Announcement
  - **US-China** Biomedical Collaborative Program on Infectious Diseases Including HIV/AIDS and its **Comorbidities**, Allergy, Immunology and Cancer
  - Applicants must be senior professional or technical position. Past or present PI of NSFC grant of three years or more
Clinical Research Consortium of centers to perform multicenter clinical trials – components

- Leadership/coordination office, operations support
- Training – GCP, GCLP, study-specific
- Site SOPs, QA/QC
- Harmonize and QC key laboratory/sample procedures
- Central data management and statistical functions
- Engage and negotiate with sponsors

NIAID and investigators would give advice and support
Close clinical TB/HIV research collaborations with Gates Foundation and partners

- Global Alliance – Treatment (drug combinations)
- Aeras - TB vaccines
- FIND – Diagnostics
Establishing Prospective TB/HIV Cohorts

• Determine epidemiology, trends, risk factors, outcomes
• Characterize drug resistance
• Well-characterized samples for biomarker research
• Coordination among sites
• Preparation of new sites for clinical trials
TB-HIV Research Integration

Introduction of “IPT” for HIV+ Why so underutilized?

• How to overcome barriers to use?
• How to best detect active TB?
• Which regimen?
• For how long?
• With ART – use CD4 count to stop?
• Target the PPD+ subset?
• Chemoprevention for MDR Exposure
Integration of Antiretroviral Therapy with Tuberculosis Treatment
Salim S. Abdool Karim, et. al.

Timing of Antiretroviral Therapy for HIV-1 Infection and Tuberculosis
Diane V. Havlir, et. al.

Earlier versus Later Start of Antiretroviral Therapy in HIV-Infected Adults with Tuberculosis
Francois-Xavier Blanc, et. al.
Current Regimen Development Paradigm:

Existing regimen consists of four drugs:

- New Drug 1
- New Drug 2
- New Drug 3
- New Drug 4

6 years 24 years 18 years 12 years

New Combination Approach:

- New Drug 1
- New Drug 2
- New Drug 3
- New Drug 4

6 years 12 years 18 years 24 years

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6 years
Combination Drug Development

**Preclinical**
- **Pharm/Tox**
- Efficacy
  - Acute Relapse

**Phase I**
- Tolerance
- PK/DDIS
- Dose Adjustment

**Phase II A&B**
- "EBA/SSCC"
  - * > 8 Weeks
  - Quant. Cultures &/or Time to Cx-
  - PK/PD

**Phase III**
- Clinical Endpoints
  - MDR Trials or ARMS of Novel Combos
  - MDR USE

- DS TB Rx

- Combination "Approvals"
Efficiency in Combination Development - Focus on Phase II

Problem
Serial trials/amendments are much too inefficient-
Delays caused by protocol development (esp. in group setting) and approvals at all levels

Responses
• Innovative, inclusive, new adaptive designs
• Early anticipation and resolution for concerns with new combinations - interactions and safety data
• Coordination of planning/prompt sharing of data
Desirable Features of Adaptive trials

- Multi-arm and may be multi-step (Phase II A ⇒ B)
- Seamless transitions, step (IIA ⇒ II B)
- Frequent ISMC interim reviews (IRs) – drop arms early if less active than control – but trial continues
- Add new arms as per study criteria
- May include arms for both DS and DR infections
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Division of AIDS

- Established in 1986 to help ensure an end to the HIV/AIDS epidemic by:
  - Increasing basic knowledge of the pathogenesis and transmission of HIV
  - Supporting the development of therapies for HIV infection and its complications and co-infections
  - Supporting the development of vaccines and other prevention strategies
- >150 federal employees and >70 on-site contractors
- Annual budget $1.1B
NIAID TB ➔ DMID
NIAID HIV ➔ DAIDS

NIAID Clinical Team (TB and TB/HIV)

Fundamental

Non-Clinical

Clinical

Ph I  Ph IIA  Ph IIB  Ph III-IV

DMID Resources

Systems Biology, Biomarker Programs

Animal Models (Candidate Selection)

Research Reagents

“omics” Support Programs

Preclinical Services, IND-enabling

HIV-TB Basic/Pre-clinical Grants

Ph I Units

Clinical Trials Networks

*Solicited and Unsolicited Grants - R34/U01/BAA

Vaccine & Treatment Evaluation Units

*TB specific

*Tuberculosis Research Unit

*Clinical Diagnostics Research Consortium