P. vivax technical brief

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Why is technical brief needed?

*P. vivax* often features only as an “add-on” to malaria documents:

- 1993 Global Strategy: only broad guidance of malaria control.
- GMAP 2008: some mentioning of *P. vivax*-specific issues but not ‘how.’
- Current WHO guidance for *P. vivax* malaria spread across several documents. No single summary.

In September 2012, MPAC endorsed need to develop a global plan for *P. vivax*.

- To fall under the umbrella of the overall Global Technical Strategy for Malaria Control and Elimination, 2016–2025
- To be commissioned as a separate piece of work to ensure that it is fully developed
- GTS 2016-2025 to include key strategic issues specific for *P. vivax* - but not detailed recommendations
Progress

- Funding: Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV)
- 1st steering committee meeting in Nov 2012
  - Kevin Baird Chair.
  - Kamini Mendis, MPAC member, to help link PVSP and GTS
- Consultant hired: Chansuda Wongsrichanalai
- Writing Committee established and convened in May and Nov 2013
  - Thematic reviews on biology, epidemiology, Vector control, Diagnosis and treatment, Surveillance and elimination, Cost-effectiveness of interventions, Research priorities
- 10 countries selected for Landscape Briefs (8 completed)
- Strategic directions summary shared with MPAC March 2014
  - recommended a technical brief not a \textit{P. vivax} strategy
- Strategic directions summary shared at regional consultations
- Technical brief drafted July & August, 2014
Not one product but three

- P. vivax Technical Briefing:
  - Summarizes the challenges posed by P. vivax malaria and opportunities for its control and elimination.
  - Summarizes existing WHO guidance on strategies for control and elimination of P. vivax malaria
  - Highlights additional research and development that needs to be undertaken to develop or implement new tools.

- An advocacy piece (to be named) - a companion document of 1. above, but easier to read, less technical, targeting policy makers, etc.

- Journal supplement - a series of 16-17 papers extracted from thematic reviews and landscape briefs.
Launch plans

Plan to launch *P. vivax* Technical Briefing and the Advocacy Piece together.

Options:
1. ASTMH, New Orleans, November 2014
2. World Malaria Day - 25 April 2015
3. Other major events in Southeast Asia during Jan, Feb, Mar 2015

Advantages of release in 2015:
1. Ongoing analysis in GMP on severe *P. vivax* and mortality can be added
2. WHO TEG on G6PD testing will convene in Oct. 2014.
Advice sought

Technical brief a suitable accompaniment to GTS? Or does content and tone need to be changed?

• challenges posed by *P. vivax* malaria and opportunities for its control and elimination.

• WHO guidance on strategies for control and elimination of *P. vivax* malaria

• research and development that needs to be undertaken to develop or implement new tools.