

# Tackling iNTS disease

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## Prevention *AND* treatment

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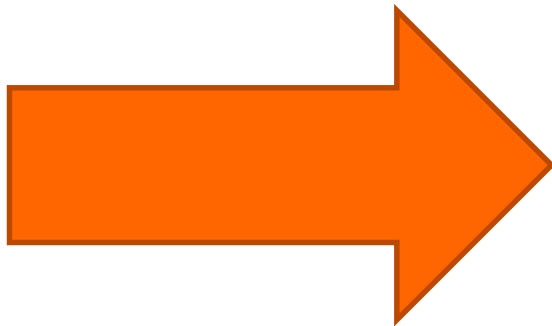
- Treatment
  - Diagnosis remains a challenge
  - Awareness of population at risk and risk factors
  - Changing patterns of drug resistance
- Environmental intervention
  - Mode of transmission?
  - What is the reservoir?
    - Human to human or animal (bird) to human?
  - Environmental persistence?
- Vaccines
  - Burden of disease estimates
  - Identification of target populations
  - Identification of trial sites and endpoints

All three depend on epidemiological research

# Why a vaccine for iNTS?



- Difficult to diagnose
- Rapid onset
- Widespread drug resistance
- Other vaccines (Hib, pneumococcal) work well in the African context



- iNTS vaccine attractive
- Likely be feasible to develop and efficacious

Candidate_Name/Identifier	Pre-clinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	POC	Phase 3
Attenuated oral vaccine: CVD 1931( <i>S. Typhimurium</i> $\Delta$ <i>guaBA</i> , $\Delta$ <i>clipX</i> ) and CVD 1944 ( <i>S. Enteritidis</i> $\Delta$ <i>guaBA</i> , $\Delta$ <i>clipX</i> ) [UMB]	X				
Attenuated oral vaccine: WTO5S. ( <i>S. Typhimurium</i> $\Delta$ <i>aroC</i> , $\Delta$ <i>ssaV</i> ) [Microscience Limited]		X			
O:4,5-TT [NIH]	X				
O antigen-flagellin conjugates. O:4,5 : FliCi and O:9 : FliCg,m. [UMB; Bharat Biotech; Wellcome Trust]	X				
Bivalent conjugate (O:4,5-CRM <sub>197</sub> and O:9-CRM <sub>197</sub> ) [SBVGH]	X				
O:4,5-GMMA and O:9-GMMA [SBVGH]	X				
OmpD [University of Birmingham, SBVGH]	X				

See discussion paper for WHO vaccine priority meeting

[http://who.int/entity/immunization/research/meetings\\_workshops/NonTyphoidalSalmonella\\_VaccineRD\\_Sept2014.pdf?ua=1](http://who.int/entity/immunization/research/meetings_workshops/NonTyphoidalSalmonella_VaccineRD_Sept2014.pdf?ua=1)

- Best case scenario for development
  - Assumes no delays (almost never happens)
  - Minimizes future predictions for burden of disease
- Worst case scenario for resources
  - Potential bottleneck in obtaining epidemiological input
  - Requires major early investment in trials and manufacturing

# Timeline and epidemiological implications



2015: Preclinical	2016-2017: Phase 1	2019: Phase 2 & cPoC
<p>Vaccines in development</p> <p>Case for an iNTS vaccine</p> <p>Initial TPP</p>	<p>Production of pilot scale GMP vaccine</p> <p>Trials in healthy adult volunteers</p>	<p>Age de-escalation completed in infants</p> <p>Phase 3 manufacturer engaged</p>
<p>Epidemiology to support early development</p> <p><b>Target groups identified</b></p> <p><b>Epidemiology to support TPP</b></p>	<p><b>Epidemiology to support case for Phase 3 trials and manufacture</b></p> <p><b>cPoC criteria identified</b></p> <p><b>Phase 3 efficacy sites identified</b></p>	<p>Epidemiology to support case for deployment</p> <p>Phase 3 trial sites ready</p> <p>Engagement of WHO/UNICEF/GAVI and other public and national health authorities</p>

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2023: Phase 3 Efficacy	2025: Registration	2026+ deployment
Manufacture scaled up Consistency lots Trials in HIV infected adults Phase 3 studies complete Efficacy estimates	National registration	Phase 4 studies WHO prequalification allowing UNICEF/GAVI involvement
Update of burden of disease figures	Preparation for deployment	Vaccine effectiveness studies

- Target populations (infants, HIV all ages, high incidence areas?)
  - Minimum usable efficacy
    - This strongly impacts Phase 3 trial design
  - Minimum usable longevity of protection
  - A lot of technical stuff re dose, production, formulation etc.,
- First 3 require substantial epidemiological input



## The impact of the vaccine over period 2025 -2035?

- Need to know how many are infected now
- Predict changes that will happen in next 20 years and impact on iNTS incidence
- Need to predict impact of vaccine on burden of disease
  - Likely vaccine uptake
  - Likely efficacy
  - Other factors
- Burden of disease and impact need credible range estimates

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- cPoC is NOT an estimation of efficacy for registration
- Existing animal models and *in vitro* killing activity (SBA, OP assay) but no surrogate for protection in humans
- For Infants
  - *S. Typhimurium* infection – inverse correlation with antibody
    - Loss of passive maternal antibody and low actively induced antibody
    - cPoC may be based on antibody levels
  - *S. Enteritidis* infection – no published data
- For HIV infections – not clear.
- Sero-epidemiology would be useful at least in infants

## By 2017: Phase 3 / efficacy sites identified



By 2020 sites ready

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- Infants only, HIV adults only, both?
- *S. Typhimurium*, *S. Enteritidis*, or both (and others)?
- Needs stable infection rates
- Needs infrastructure to identify and diagnose cases.
  - *c.f.* RTS,S trials for a disease with much higher incidence.
- Probably needs multiple sites

- Assumptions
  - Testing a bivalent vaccine in Infants
  - Age distribution similar to that seen in Malawi (MacLennan et al, J Clin Invest. 2008)
  - Vaccination at EPI schedule and followed until 18 months old
  - Vaccine is 80% efficacious
  - Power of the trial is equal to 80%
  - Lower Limit of 95% CI for efficacy rate is  $\geq 10\%$
  - Vaccine and placebo group ratio is 1:1
- Expect 15 cases in each group in absence of vaccination

**10-20,000 subjects needed**  
**assuming similar incidence to that seen in the RTS,S trials**

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- Vaccines for iNTS are feasible
  - Development will require a strong epidemiological basis
    - Burden of disease estimates
    - Identification of target populations
    - Identification of trial sites and endpoints
  - Timeline is critical – Delays add to development costs and uncertainties