Addressing The Drug Development Needs Of Infants And Young Children: DNDi’s Pediatric HIV Program
The drugs:
- Fewer options, limited safety data, fewer available formulation/FDCs,
- Only 2 (LPV/r & fosamprenavir) approved for infants/young children

The virus:
- High viral load, rapid progression to AIDS
- Resistant viruses – Pre-exposure through PMTCT

The patients:
- Rapid developmental changes can significantly affect drug metabolism
- Dosing by weight and BSA with polypharmacy
- TB co-infection

The Pediatric HIV Challenge
Children Are Not Just Small Adults

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Benefit of PI-based ARV and formulation challenges

**Benefit**
- Replacing NNRTI due to prior exposure through PMTCT
- RCT data suggest superiority
- More forgiving in settings where stock-outs common
- Reduction in malaria
- Less resistance even with failing regimen
- After achieving viral suppression, switching back to NVP-based ART is possible **

**Challenges**
- Drug-drug interactions – mainly CYP3A4
- Complication of concomitant TB meds
- Low solubility for PIs
- Liquid formulation (alcohol/taste/stability/stock out)
- Pro-drugs are more soluble, but taste remains an issue

** Ashraf Coovadia et al., JAMA. 2010;304(10):1082-1090 **
Innovative PI formulation – The Cipla-MRC collaboration

- LPV/r sprinkles by Cipla*
- CHAPAS-2: Pharmacokinetics and acceptability of sprinkle formulation compared with syrup/tablets**

Sprinkles preferred: better to swallow, storage/transport, important advantage for caregivers. 71% (<1 y.o.) chose to continue sprinkles over syrup after study.

Inspired DNDi, leading to the concept of “4-in-1” sachet

* http://www.retroconference.org/2012b/PDFs/982.pdf
** http://www.controlled-trials.com/isrctn/pf/01946535; 4th Pediatric HIV Workshop, 2012 DC
Bring the “4-in-1” sachet to patients – DNDi-Cipla Collaboration on product development and access

1. Addressing the need for a PI-based first-line ARV FDC
2. Adaptable for use in treating TB-coinfection
TB-HIV challenge

- High rate of co-infection:
  - The true burden of disease in children remains uncertain due to diagnostic challenges and limited surveillance data.
  - HIV-infected pregnant women are at increased risk of transmitting both TB and HIV to their children.

- Intensifying case finding:
  - GeneXpert TB diagnostics taking off in low-resource countries
  - The PMTCT/Pediatric HIV Technical Working Group recommends that intensified TB case finding be implemented in all PMTCT programs (PEPFAR July 2012)

- ARV and TB meds – challenges
  - Pill burden
  - Overlapping toxicity
  - Drug-drug interactions
TB-HIV challenge

- Rifampin and PI: drug-drug interactions
  - CYP3A4 metabolize LPV and RTV; elevated CYP3A4 levels reduce effectiveness of ARV therapy
  - RTV is a potent inhibitor of CYP3A4 – used to “boost” LPV serum concentrations (LPV/r 4:1 ratio)
  - Rifampin is a potent inducer of the enzyme CYP3A4
  - With co-administration of rifampin, LPV/r (4:1) fails to reach effective trough level for efficacy

- Overcoming drug-drug interactions with “superboosting”
  - Increasing RTV to the “4-in-1” sachet for “superboosting”
  - In parallel, to conduct PK study on the co-administration to validate “superboosting”
Bring to patients a “4-in-1” FDC in 2015 – working together with many partners

- **Product development:**
  - Cipla team
  - 4-in-1 sachet
  - Adapted 4-in-1 sachet: LPV/r at 1:1 for superboosting

- **Clinical validation of concept**
  - Chapas-2 (LPV/r sprinkles in 1-4 y.o.) & improvements
  - Additional partners for PK and efficacy studies using currently available ARV formulations (sprinkles of LPV/r and dispersible tablets of NRTIs)

More work……
More partners…..
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