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3.2.4.2 Candidates subgroup (Preliminary draft kindly provided by Ken Duncan)

Objectives:

The Candidates Sub-group aims to promote research and collaboration that will result in the creation of affordable, high-quality candidate drugs for the treatment of TB. Its objectives are:

- Monitor and evaluate the pipeline of TB drug candidates;
- Identify gaps and resource needs to potential funders;
- Stimulate research on new TB drug leads;
- Increasing access to technical assistance to facilitate optimization and testing of new drug candidates;
- Promote co-ordination and collaboration amongst drug developers to ensure that optimal combinations of new drugs are identified;
- Create improved information sharing mechanisms on TB drug discovery/development across the research community.

The Candidates Sub-group is a component of the New Drugs group that serves as a technical advisory body to the Stop TB Partnership and WHO. Its primary tasks are:

- Gather information relating to the progress of potential drug candidates and evaluating the likelihood of technical success;
- Assess the landscape of drug development to identify gaps and gather the necessary evidence to advocate for increased resources;
- Identify sources of technical assistance to ensure projects are optimally resourced;
- Maintain active coordination and communication with the entire WGND and especially with other subgroups;
- Inform Stop TB partnership of its findings;
- Share information on candidates with the TB research community.

Members: The Candidates Sub-group is comprised of representatives from institutions with specific expertise in drug discovery and pre-clinical development, and which have active research programs. Its membership rests with individuals, not institutions.