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Gates MRI TB Drug Development Activities

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- Regimen development – Phase 2b/2c
 - Pan-TB Target Regimen Profile
 - PAN-TB Collaboration partnership & trial design
 - Gates MRI-TBD06-201 Trial: Evaluation of DBQS[†] and PBQS[†] as first 2 regimens
- Individual TB agent evaluation for regimen development readiness
 - TBA-7371
 - TBD09 (MK-7762)
 - TBD10 (MK-3854)
 - TBD11 (CLB073)

PAN-TB Target Regimen Profile

Enable “Test and Treat” Paradigm

TRP Criteria	Hypothesis
Pan TB (No DST)	Simple “test & treat”: Fewer patients lost to the system after Dx Decreases time from Dx to Tx → Less time to transmit (no waiting for DST or failure on HRZE)
Shorter: ≤ 3mos	Clear differentiation from SoC Shorter → Improves Adherence → Improves Outcomes → Less transmission
Acceptable Safety Profile	No baseline or ongoing safety monitoring. Enables Test & Treat. Well tolerated → Improves Adherence → Improves Outcomes → Less Transmission
Simpler	All Oral, Once daily No DDIs to manage enables Test & Treat
Efficacy (NI to SoC)	Short, forgiving regimen non-inferior to 6 months. <u>Minimize Efficacy – Effectiveness gap</u> Forgiving regimen will minimize impact of non-adherence → Improve Outcome → Less Transmission
Affordable	Low barrier to uptake → Impact

PAN-TB Collaboration

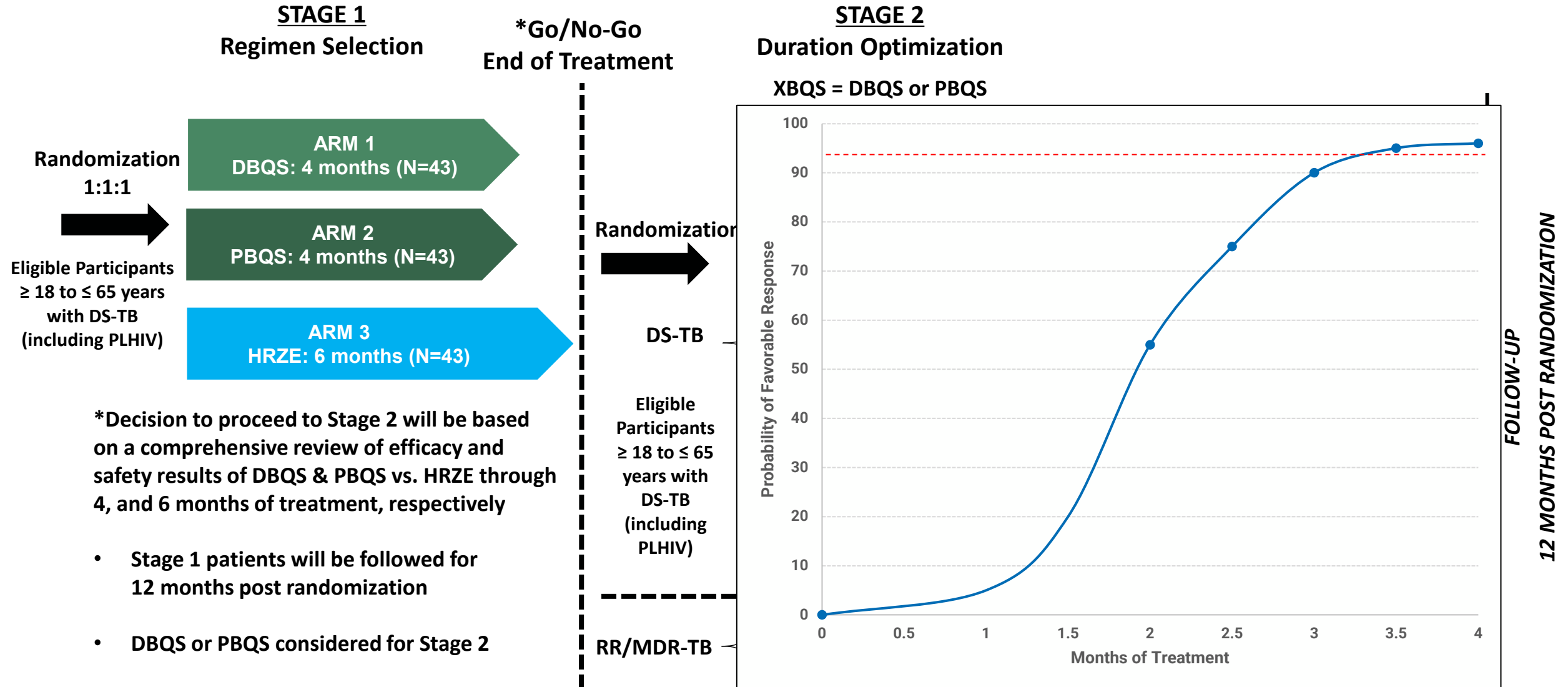
Project to Accelerate New Treatments for TuBerculosis



Funded by
BMGF and
clinical studies
to be conducted
by Gates MRI

Focused on achieving Pan-TB Target Regimen Profile

Gates MRI TBD06-201: PAN-TB Ph2b/2c 2-Stage, De-risking Design



Gates MRI-TBD06-201/PAN-TB Trial Update

- Launched in South Africa on July 26, 2023
- 6 sites in South Africa currently enrolling
- Trial launch in Philippines imminent
- Clinical Trial Application under regulatory review in Peru
- Stage 1 results anticipated in 2025



Evaluation of Individual TB Agents for Entry into Regimen Development

Gates MRI-TBD03-201: TBA-7371 (DprE1 Inh) Phase 2a EBA Trial

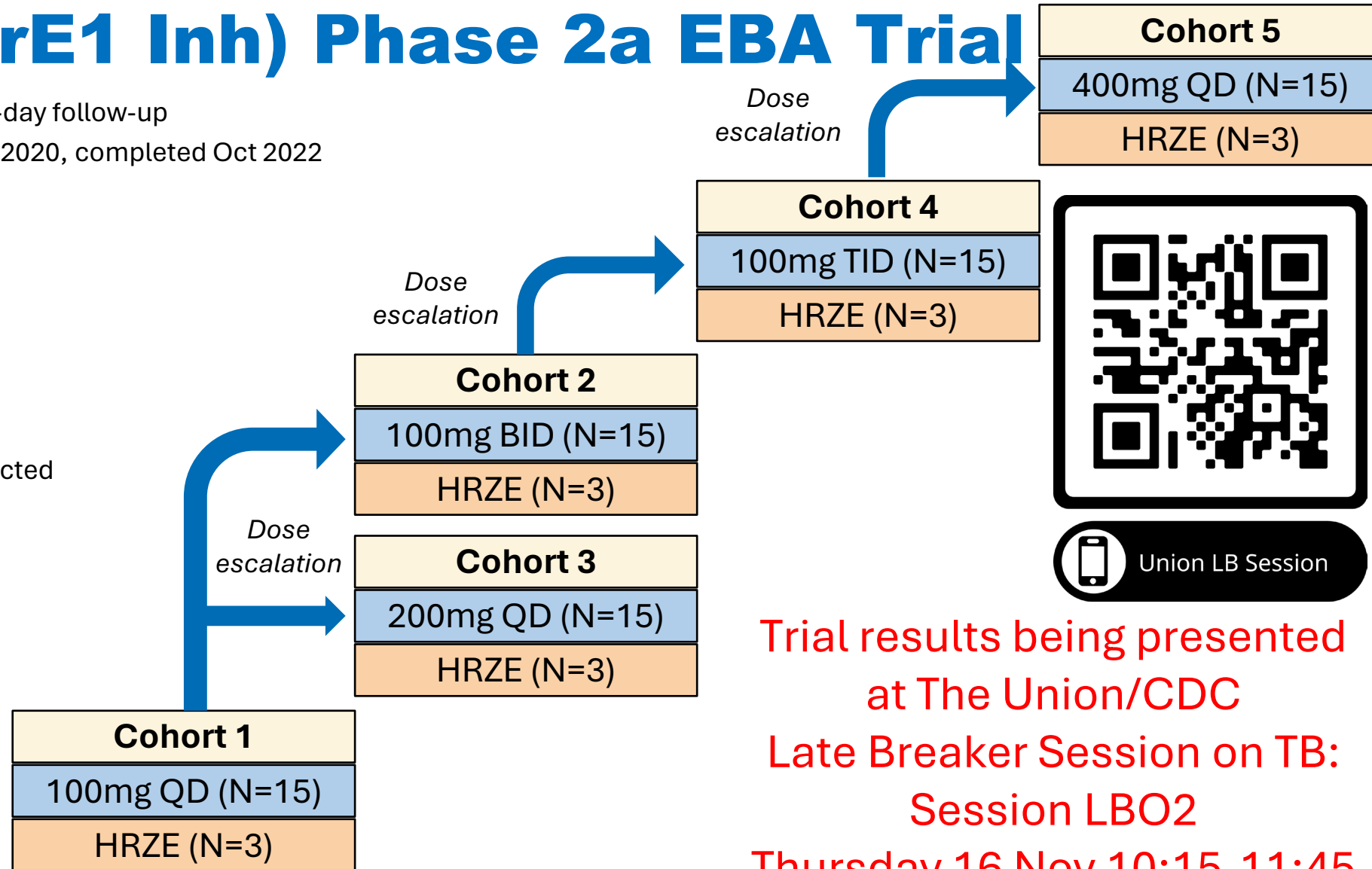
- 14-day inpatient study treatment, 28-day follow-up
- 4 sites in South Africa; Launched Jan 2020, completed Oct 2022

Eligibility criteria

- Untreated, RIF-susceptible pulm TB
- $\geq 1+$ smear positivity
- Adults 18-60 years
- PLHIV eligible if CD4+ ≥ 350 , no AIDS-defining illness

Assessments and Procedures

- Daily 16-hour overnight sputum collected
- Bactericidal activity assessed by:
 - / Δ TB CFU in solid culture (1^0)
 - / Δ TTP in liquid culture
 - / Δ Sputum LAM
- Safety assessments
 - / AEs; eye symptoms, visual acuity & color vision; orthostatic vital signs, ECGs
- Intensive PK collected



**Trial results being presented
at The Union/CDC
Late Breaker Session on TB:
Session LBO2
Thursday 16 Nov 10:15-11:45**

TBD09 (MK-7762)

- Oxazolidinone (protein synthesis inhibitor)
- Discovered by Merck with NIAID through TB Drug Accelerator
- Phase 1 first-in-human trial launched 23 Feb 2023
 - / Single ascending dose and food effect portion completed
 - / 28-day multiple ascending dose portion of trial launching Q4 '23
- Planning underway for Phase 2a trial evaluating TBD09 in TB patients



TBD10 (MK-3854) and TBD11 (CLB073)

TBD10

- Protein synthesis inhibitor but structurally diverse from oxazolidinones
- Discovered by Merck with NIAID through TB Drug Accelerator
- IND-enabling studies nearing completion

TBD11

- Gates MRI licensed from Calibr in February 2023
- Discovered by Calibr with Cornell through TB Drug Accelerator
- Activates adenylyl cyclase (Rv1625c) ultimately blocking Mtb's ability to metabolize cholesterol
- Significantly enhanced CFU decline of BPaL at 8 weeks in mouse TB model
- IND-enabling studies currently underway



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- TB Drug Accelerator