

Quo Vadimus?

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The Global Need in the TB Market



Global Need

- Current TB treatment is too lengthy, too toxic, and not effective enough in programmatic settings
 - More apparent in MDR-TB
 - But also applies to DS-TB; otherwise MDR-TB would not be on the rise
- Getting a drug approved is not enough
 - Uptake of bedaquiline and delamanid as examples
 - Development plan must address a usage that will have a meaningful impact and be implemented

Key Learnings

- Phase 2 to phase 3 predictability
- Mouse model predictability
- Volumes drive commercial viability

Predictability of Phase 2 Data: Oflotub and REMoxTB Time to Culture Negativity

- Oflotub 2-month phase 2 data within confidence intervals of REMox 2-month data in phase 3
 - Oflotub hazard ratio 1.73 (95% CI, 1.15 – 2.60)
 - ✓ Ph 2, n = 60 / group
 - REMox hazard ratio 1.25 (95% CI, 1.10 – 1.40)
 - ✓ Ph 3, n = 640 / group
- Cf. relevance to 2-week EBA data

Mouse Relapse Data

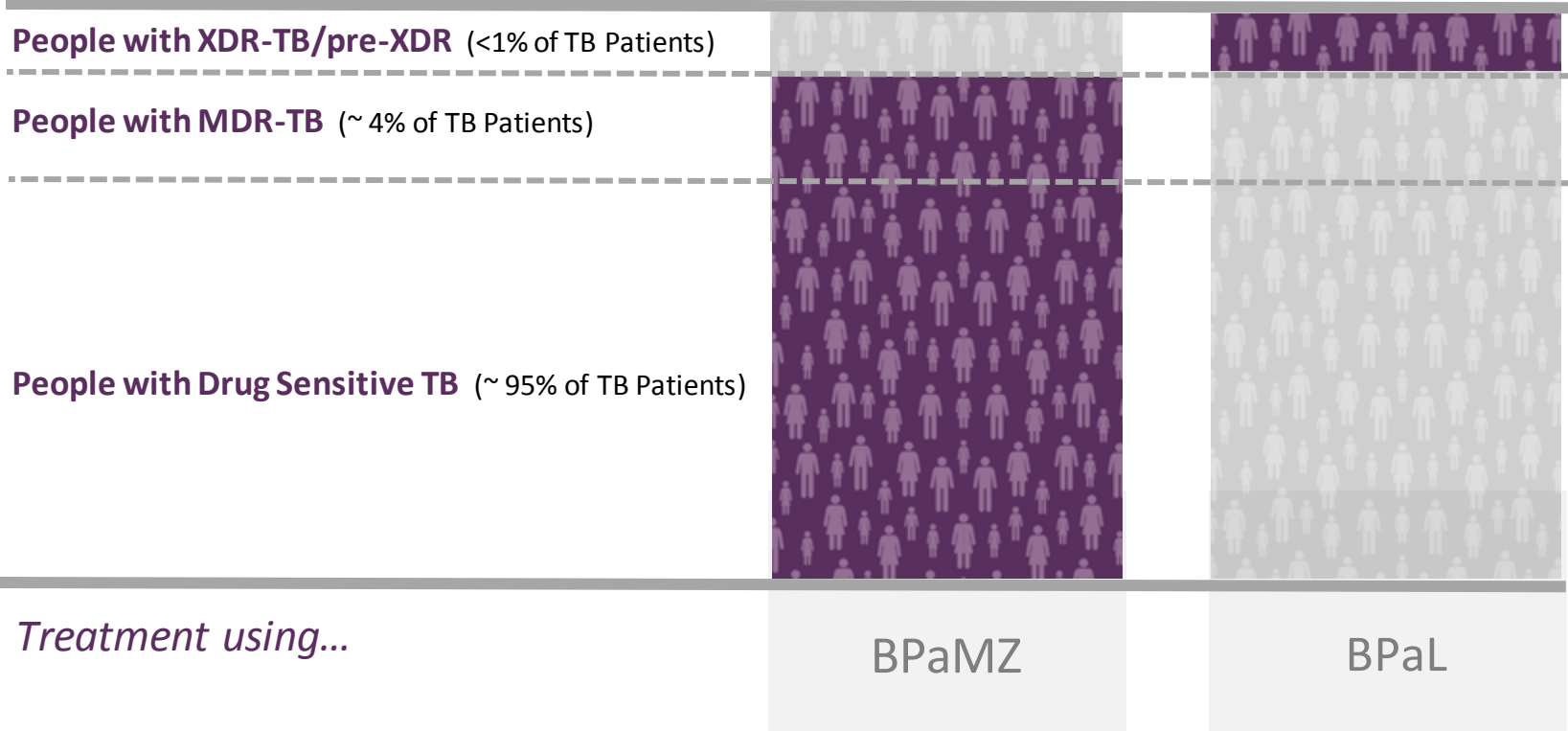
	M1.5 (+3)	M2 (+3)	M3 (+3)	M4 (+3)	M5 (+3)
RHZ				10/15	2/15
Pa ₅₀ MZ				6/14	0/14
PaMZ			10/14	3/15	
BPaM			2/15	0/14	
BPaZ	13/14	0/15	0/15		
BPaMZ	3/15	0/15	0/15		

Rank order BPaMZ > BPaZ > BPaM > PaMZ > RHZ same as clinical rank order; cf. BPaL

Other Predictions from Mouse and EBA Models

- Prospective predictions important
- Mouse relapse model predicts that L can be withdrawn from BPaL after 2 months, just like PZA from HRZE
 - Being tested in ZeNix
- EBA model predicts that L 600 mg almost as effective as L 1200 mg
 - Being tested in ZeNix

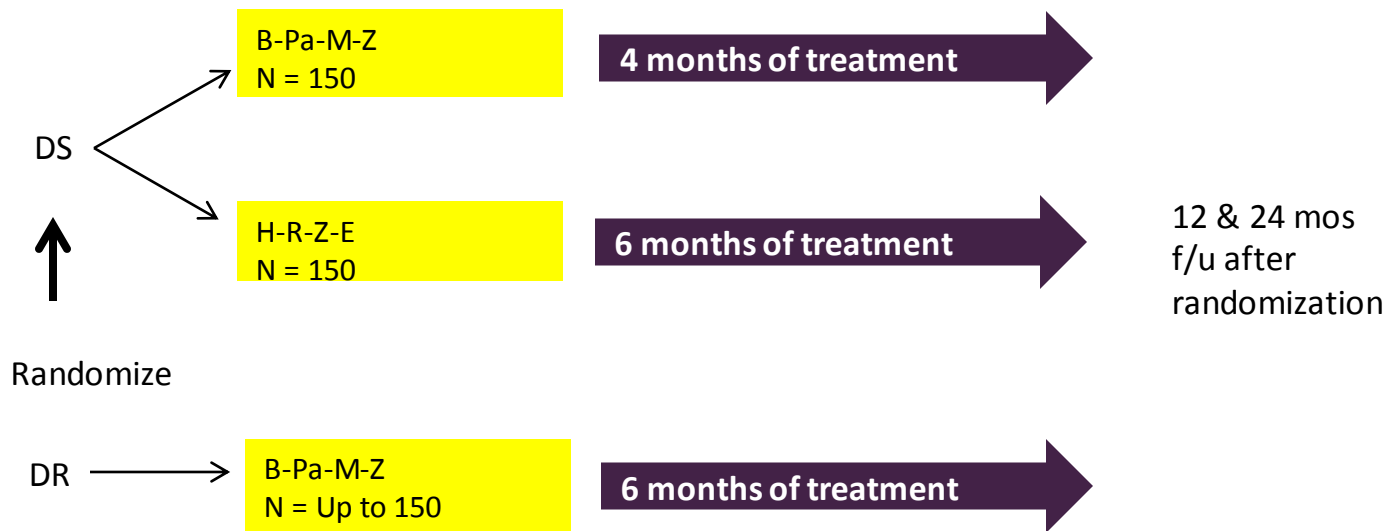
Treatment For All With Universal Backbone of B-Pa: Importance of Volumes



Other Learnings

- Efficiency of regimen development
 - Requires demonstration of individual contributions of all drugs in the regimen
 - Animal studies, EBA studies
 - Still requires non-inferiority phase 3 trial
- Efficiency of “unified pathway”
 - DS- and MDR-TB are different genotypes, not different diseases
 - Allows formal noninferiority comparison in DS subjects only
 - “Breakthrough” for MDR-TB not efficacy, but delivery and safety
 - Extremely precise comparison of new regimen efficacy vs MDR SOC not good use of resources
 - 80% cure with MDR SOC when DST incorporated
 - STREAM, Otsuka phase 3
 - Non-inferiority approach likely needed in MDR-only studies going forward
 - Volumes at launch

Participants with newly diagnosed DS- and MDR-TB



B = bedaquiline 200 mg x 8 wks, then 100mg Pa = pretomanid 200 mg

M = moxifloxacin 400 mg Z = pyrazinamide 1500mg

Regimen Development and Non-Inferiority Margin

- HRZM vs HRZE
- BPaMZ vs HRZE

Unified Pathway and Non-Inferiority Margin

- BPaMZ vs HRZE
- Non-inferiority studies against MDR SOC will be more difficult than against HRZE
 - Similar numbers, but harder population to recruit and study
- MDR SOC + B (shorter) vs MDR SOC + Pbo
- MDR SOC + B – injectables vs MDR SOC

Next Steps

- Universal regimen: not there yet, but
- On the verge of same or similar treatments for DS- and MDR-TB
 - Due to NCEs
 - Will no longer need separate health care systems, manufacturers, drug supplies, distribution channels for DS- and MDR-TB
 - Particularly impacts MDR- and XDR-TB, where drug costs are increased by low volumes and treatments are complex
 - Healthcare and drug delivery easier, cheaper, simpler, requiring fewer resources

Challenges

- Funding and resources, particularly for late-stage clinical development
- DS- and MDR-TB treatments siloed around globe
 - Different organizations and systems, each with vested interests
 - Combining will be transformative in freeing up resources and providing quality care, but will also be disruptive
- Pharma not “in the game”
 - Economics don’t justify
 - But opportunity to re-engage pharma
 - Economics different if large volumes and if clear and efficient path to development and regulatory approval

One More Thing: REMoxTB Data on Liquid Culture

- Difference in incidence and quality of “isolated positives” between solid and liquid culture
 - Adjustment in endpoint needed for liquid culture
 - Importance of clinical assessment

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