Potential role of ivermectin and ivermectin-like compounds for malaria elimination

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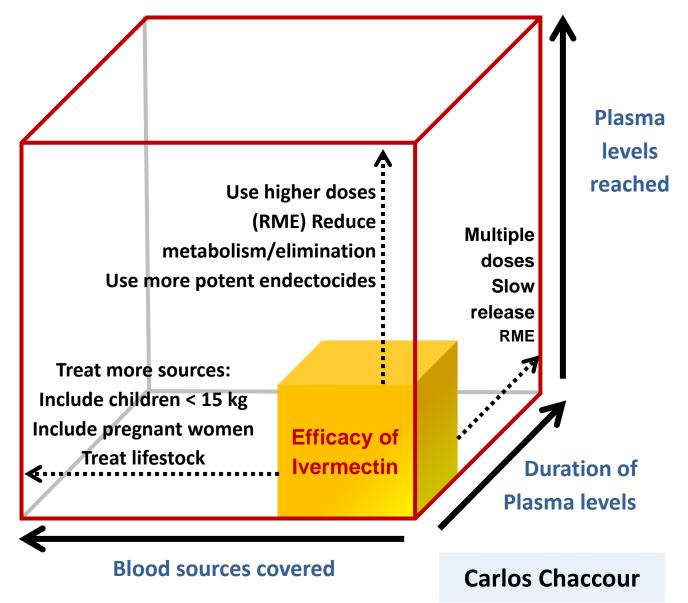
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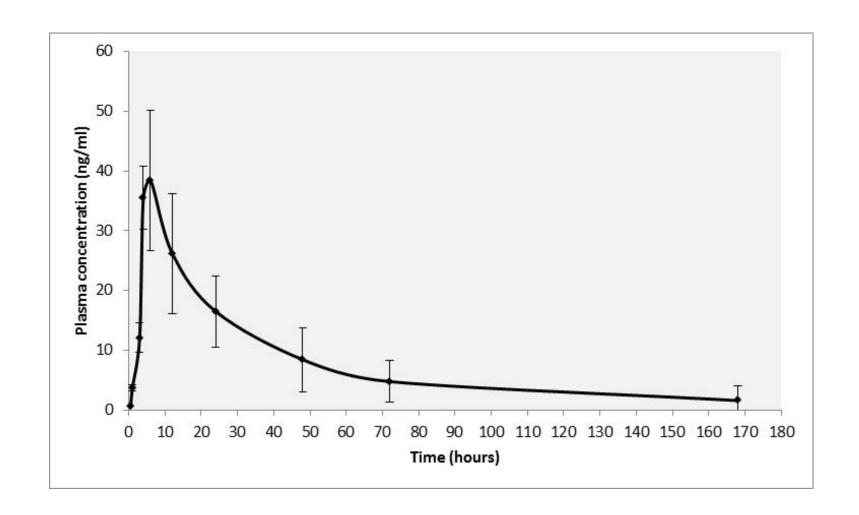
- OCH₃ HO. QCH₃ H₃C OH ✓ Assuming good case management CH₃
- **Complementary** tool

First concept: MDA

✓ Assuming good VC

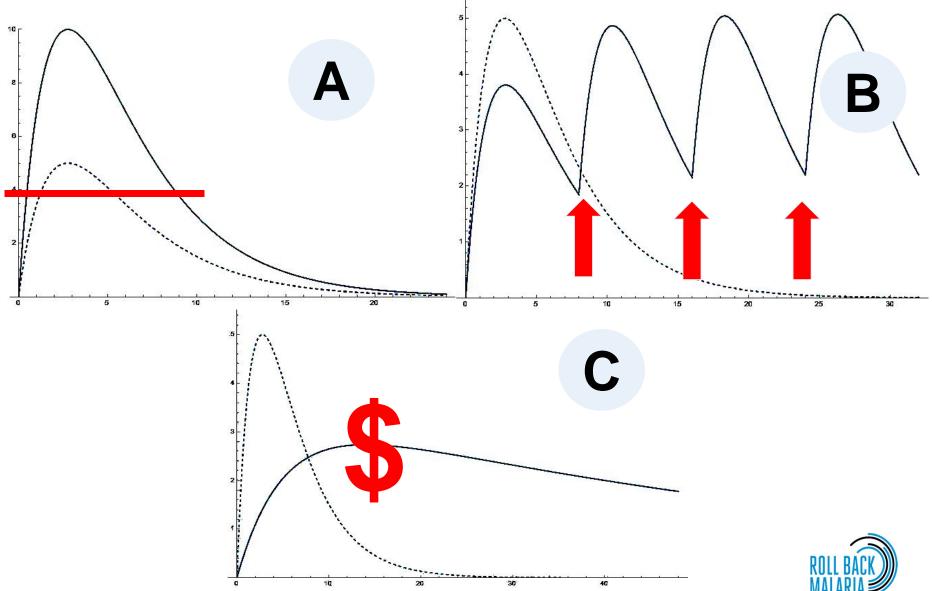








How could we use it?



"Highlight the key linkages with policy"

- New use for malaria would need to be endorsed/approved
- Gaps in the databased identified and addressed
- New use for malaria would need to be recommended to NMCPs
- Need a framework to ensure enough API is available without affecting NTD programs
- It is affordable (funding source: GFATM, UNITAID, NMCPs...)









What evidence is needed?

Efficacy Regulatory

 Safety approval

 Acceptability (endorsement) Policy
 recommendation
 Cost-effectiveness
 Feasibility



What evidence is needed: efficacy

- Mosquito-killing effect
 - ✓ Insectary
 - ✓ Field
- Other effects (fertility, flying...)
- Modelling (Slater et al JID 2014)
- Reduces malaria incidence
 - ✓ RIMDAMAL (Foy et al Burkina Preliminary data ASTMH)
 - √ 150 mcg/kg every three weeks (x 6) during rainy season
 - √575 cases averted per 1000 children treated (NNT < 2)
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What evidence is needed: Safety

- Dose & formulation
 - ✓ 150-200 mcg/kg once
 - ✓ Repeated dose
 - √ High dose
 - ✓ Slow release formulation
- ACTIVE (Burkina Ouedraogo et al) Artemether-Lumefantrine
- IVERMAL (Kenia Ter-Kuile) DHA-Piperaquine
- NCT02568098 (Thailand Jittamala) PQ + DHA-Piperaquine
- The (potential) role of WHO-Prequalification



What evidence is needed?

- Key question: total dose and spacing?
 Data will inform whether current formulation is enough to meet the required effect
- Key question: current vs new formulation?

Formulation discussions need a clear definition of the desired entomological/epidemiological targets

What evidence is needed?

What regulatory agency?

FDA seems receptive...

What pathway?

✓ Repurposing: 505(b)(2)

What evidence is needed: Acceptability

- By the population
 - √"only" transmission blocking
 - ✓ Community vs individual impact
- By other programmes (NTDs)
 - ✓ Concerns regarding resistance & procurement
 - ✓ Synergies



What evidence is needed: Cost-effectiveness

- Current costs
 - ✓ Mectizan donation program: 1.50/ 3-mg-tablet
 - ✓ Veterinary market: 18Eu/800 mg (1 ltr)
- The role of competition
 - ✓ What is an acceptable price for vector control?
 - ✓ What is the expected annual volume?
- Procurement through GFATM
 - ✓ Pre-qualification



What evidence is needed: Feasibility

- Production
 - ✓ Current: 150 tons/year
 - ✓ Less than 1.5% is for human use
- Programmatic suitability
- Do we need a new formulation?



Who would need to assess the evidence? **Different perspectives**

- ERG
- VCAG
- MPAC
- NTD program
- WHO-PQ



What is the way forward? (1)

- Generate evidence using current formulation
 - ✓ Different eco-epidemiological scenarios
 - ✓ Does it really add value to the current paradigm?
- Start conversations for endorsement of <u>the concept</u>
 GMP/VCAG/MPAC
- Start conversations for regulatory approval (new indication)
 Using the current formulation to generate data



What is the way forward? (2)

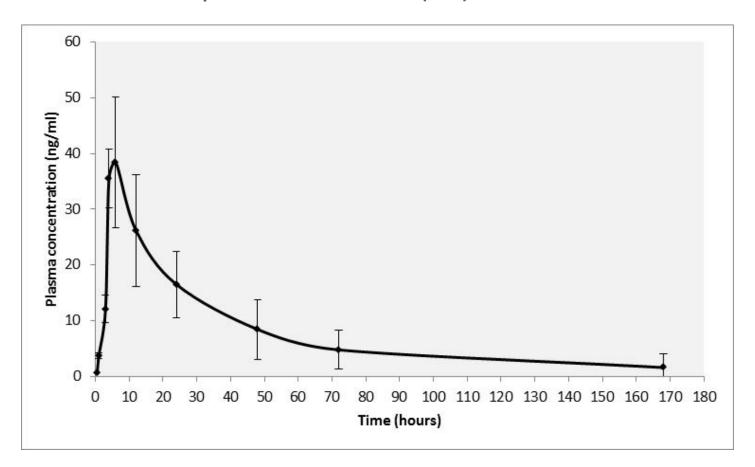
Define what MPAC and NTDs would need in order to give a recommendation

- Start pre-qualification process (>1 dossier)
 - ✓ Healthy competition (reduce prices)
 - ✓ Assure scalability





Second concept: how it works (PK)



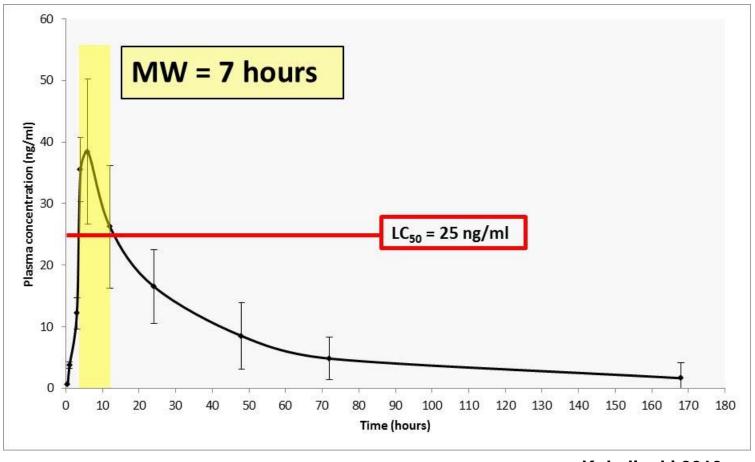


LC50

The plasma concentration needed to kill 50% of the biting mosquitoes in a given time

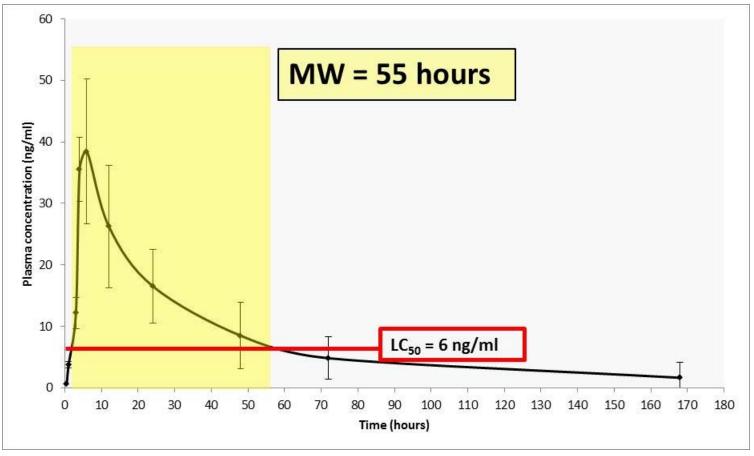
A measure of efficacy similar to the MIC_{50} and MIC_{90} used in microbiology





Kobylinski 2010





Ouedraogo 2013



