



# *BARDA'S MARKET RESEARCH FOR A CLINICAL TRIAL NETWORK FOR ANTIBIOTICS*

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# Disclaimers

- I am an employee of the US Federal Government
- I have no conflicts of interest



# BARDA

- BARDA supports PPPs for the development of new antibacterial drugs
- We have been involved in one way or another in Phase III clinical trials for Achaogen, Tetrphase, Rempex, and Cempra.
- We anticipate being involved in the Phase III clinical development of BARDA supported programs with AstraZeneca, GSK, Basilea and others.



# Another Problem/Opportunity (as BARDA sees it)

- BARDA supports each of its clinical trials independently
- Thus, we build (and pay for) the infrastructure to conduct these trial each time we want to conduct one
- Could efficiencies be realized thru consolidation/coordination of these efforts?



# Clinical Trial Network

A 6-month run-in period. Resolve potential problems. All patients assigned to same drug.

## Notional *cIAI* network

Down periods. No new drugs to test

Period (n)	P1 (n=250)	P2 (250)	P3 (400)	P4 (250)	P5 (500)	P6 (125)
Control #1	250	150	250	250	100	125
Test #1		100	50		300	
Test #2			100			
Test #3					100	

150-patient on Test #1 as a P2 study vs. a control

300 patients on Test #1 as a P3 study vs. a control

100 patients on Test #2 as P2 study vs. a control

A 100-patient P2 study of Test #3 vs. a control

# Overview

- As a first step, BARDA conducted market research
  - Obtain technical approach and cost/pricing data
- RFI issued on February 4th
- Responses received April 11<sup>th</sup>
- 11 Responses
  - 8 CROs with technical approach and cost data
  - 3 responses from companies developing antibiotics with comments/concerns/risks



# Cost Data Assumptions

- 10 year period of performance
- Following an initial set up period (~1 year)- 3 antibiotic candidates in the ADCTN per indication annually.
- Cost data broken out for each indication, i.e. cost data for the network to study 3 antibiotic candidates for cUTI only, cost data for the network to study 3 antibiotic candidates for cIAI only, cost data for the network to study 3 antibiotic candidates for HAP/VAP only.
- Rough order of magnitude cost estimates are acceptable. The Responder shall provide their projections based upon a target capacity for Phase 2 and Phase 3 studies of 500 and 1,000 enrolled patients per year for cIAI, 500 and 1,000 enrolled patients per year for cUTI and 300 and 600 enrolled patients per year for HAP/VAP.



# Caveats to Cost Data

- Indirect costs not reported in many responses
  - Estimates suggest this would increase cost by approximately 35%
- Different responses used different assumptions
- Investigator costs not included in certain responses
  - BARDA clinical staff estimate this would increase estimates by 40-60%





# Summary of Annual Costs

Study	cUTI 500 patients	cUTI 1000 patients	cIAI 500 patients	cIAI 1000 patients	HABP/V ABP 300 patients	HABP/V ABP 600 patients
Mean cost	\$19.4M	\$33M	\$21.2M	\$33.3M	\$19.8M	\$31.2M
Max	\$26M	\$52M	\$26M	\$52M	\$42M	\$59.5M
Min	\$13M	\$21.2M	\$13M	\$24.5M	\$7.8M	\$31.2M



# Warm Base Costs

- Mean: \$37.9M-\$55.7/annually
- Max: \$50-82M
- Min: \$22.3M-\$36M



Responder	cUTI 500/1000 Patients	clAI 500/1000 Patients	HABP/VABP 300/600 Patients	Other
Response 1	90/180	140/275	125/250	
Response 2	100	100	300	
Response 3				75 sites total
Response 4	100	100	100	
Response 5	75/150	150/250	100/175	
Response 6				Not reported
Response 7	200/300	200/250	100/200	
Response 8	153/306	115/229	92/183	
Mean	113/173	125/182	127/183	
Max	200/300	200/275	300/300	
Min	90/100	100/100	92/100	

# Governance

- How critical is past experience? In what areas? Setting up CTNs', developing MCPs, specific disease indications, working with RAs?
- Should CTN be network of CROs?
- Who leads the CTN? Some responders recommended that the network be ran by a third party academic group
- What is the organizational structure?



# Overarching challenges

- Financing
  - Infrastructure could be built and maintained, but likely would need to adopt of fee for service model
- Are there sufficient products in development to warrant the investment in infrastructure?
- Uncertainty-i.e.-If we build it, will industry participate?
  - Will likely need to fund the entire trial costs of the first few candidates to demonstrate competency and success of the network, then move to fee for service



# Common Challenges Identified

- Flexibility in the master protocol
- Regulatory updates, auditing, and compliance
- Selection of standard of care
  - Global standard of care map suggested to aid management
  - Getting sites to agree globally will be a significant challenge
- Endpoint selection
- Data monitoring committees (network vs sponsor)
- Addressing product specific safety and efficacy objectives
- Data blinding
- Dose adjustments
- Handling of Proprietary data
- Database construction and standards
  - Companies already have company specific internal process for case report forms-would require “buy in” on data management processes



# Summary

- The annual cost to operate the ADCTN for cUTI, cIAI, and HAP/VAP is estimated to be \$60-100M annually.
  - Does not cover start up costs or in some cases indirect costs
  - Does not cover investigator costs
- CTN should be financed at \$200M-250M to cover unforeseen risks
  - This included costs to cover all costs and the trial costs for 2-3 antibiotic candidates.
  - Warm base costs are less, but still around \$100M
- There are several key challenges regarding the development and implementation of the Antibacterial Drug CTN



# Alternative Approaches

- BARDA solicited information on establishing a stand alone network to do Phase II/III clinical trials for traditional antibiotic indications
  - This will be challenging to finance
- Are there other models that could be examined?
- Could a set of existing clinical trial networks in the US and EU be coordinated to accomplish the same goal?
  - Coordination then becomes the challenge





# Next Steps

- Identify elements that would be critical to place in any Request for Proposals (RFP)
- Resolve or develop plan to mitigate challenges that have been identified thru RFI process
- Determine the most appropriate governance structure to successfully manage the CTN
- Elucidate path to feasibility/financing-currently a working group ran out of Wellcome Trust



# Thank you

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