CARB-X Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria



## Debio 1453 *N. gonorrhoeae* Fabl Program

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Vision

## Fabl, an innovative target with broad potential

- Debiopharm has unique expertise in the development of Fabl inhibitors:
  - Proven clinical efficacy of the *Staphylococcus*-selective afabicin in Phase II
  - Debiopharm has a broad IP coverage
  - Debiopharm actively collaborates with the original developers of afabicin



- Fabl inhibitors have potential beyond current front runner:
  - Exploit structural diversity across species for targeted approaches with various pathogens

absolutely conserved
average conservation
highly variable



#### **Debio 1453**

# *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* program overview (1/2)

- **Mission:** To develop a novel oral and/or intramuscular narrow spectrum inhibitor of Fabl for drug resistant *N. gonorrhoeae* infections
- **Targeted Indication:** Uncomplicated genital, rectal and pharyngeal *N. gonorrhoeae* infections
- Development stage: IND-enabling



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## *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* program overview (2/2)

#### Key attributes:

- New MoA targeting an essential pathway in *N. gonorrhoeae*
- No cross-resistance observed, active on MDR strains
- Pathogen-specific activity: microbiome sparing
- Low potential for emergence of resistance due to interaction with a non-mutable co-factor
- Potential to treat co-infections with *C. trachomatis*



Microbiology

## *In vitro* activity on *N. gonorrhoeae* (Ng) and *C. trachomatis* (Ct) isolates

• 74 isolates with a mix of clinically relevant resistance phenotypes

Compound -	MIC (µg/ml) 74 Ng isolates			
Compound	Range	MIC <sub>50</sub>	MIC <sub>90</sub>	
Debio 1453	0.016 - 0.125	0.06	0.125	
Backup 1	0.03 - 0.25	0.125	0.25	
Backup 2	0.03 - 0.25	0.125	0.25	

• In vitro potencies of Debio 1453 are similar against Ng and Ct

Compound	Ct MIC <sub>90</sub>	Ng MIC <sub>90</sub>
Debio 1453	0.25	0.125



### Microbiology

### Bactericidal status achieved at 6-12hrs



- *N. gonorrhoeae* NCTC13822 (CipR, CtrR)
- Similar bactericidal activity demonstrated with several multiresistant strains



### Microbiology

## Low frequencies of resistance in single step resistance assays

Compound <sup>-</sup>	N. gonorrhoeae 6926		N. gonorrhoeae 6804		N. gonorrhoeae 13822	
	Fold MIC	FOR	Fold MIC	FOR	Fold MIC	FOR
Debio 1453	4		4	1.06E-09	4	≤ 2.81E-10
	8	≤ 3.85E-10	8	≤ 5.27E-10	8	≤ 2.81E-10
	16		16	≤ 5.27E-10	16	≤ 2.81E-10
Backup 1	4		4		4	2.81E-10
	8	≤ 3.85E-10	8	≤ 5.27E-10	8	≤ 2.81E-10
	16		16		16	≤ 2.81E-10
Backup 2	4		4		4	
	8	≤ 3.75E-10	8	≤ 6.90E-10	8	≤2.65E-10
	16		16		16	

Strain phenotypes: 6926 - susceptible, 6804 - cipR, teR, NCTC13822 -teR, cipR, azmR, croR

Maximum 4-fold MIC increase for Debio 1453 in multistep selection assays (30 passages)



## Dose-ranging efficacy

# Efficacy via SC and PO routes in mouse NG model for Debio 1453

- Efficacy and PK/PD package on a standard female mouse vaginal gonorrhea model\*
- Consistent and quantitative doseresponse obtained via both oral and SC route
  - ED<sub>50</sub>: 40-58 mg/kg
- Excellent efficacy demonstrated after one day of treatment (4 log kill)



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\*Song et al, Local and humoral immune responses against primary and repeat *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* genital tract infections of 17ß-estradiol-treated mice. Vaccine 2008 p. 5741–5751.



### **Debio 1453 key ADMET properties**

- Advanced compounds show excellent in vitro and in vivo safety
- Medium-high oral bioavailability in rats and dogs
- Low hepatic extraction
- PO and IM efficacy POCs to cover worldwide market
- PK/PD index (fAUC/MIC) identified
- Human PK predictions compatible with single daily administration from one to three days



### Value Proposition

### Debio 1453 Drug Candidate Opportunity

- First-in-class || New MoA || Microbiome sparing || Low Emergence of Resistance
- Program endorsed by CARB-X potentially up to IND enabling studies completion
- IND ready: H2 2024
- Expected patent protection: YEAR 2039 + 5 (2044)

- Business proposition:
  - Licensing-out
  - Co-development with option for Partner to fully license at IND or Phase I





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