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## What if there are no new antibiotics?

Highlights of a Wellcome Trust & Department of Health (England)
initiated & sponsored
review & report
into

"Alternatives to Antibiotics"

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## Alternatives to Antibiotics (A2As)

- Review scope
  - Non-compound approaches that target bacteria
  - Approaches that target the host
  - Suitable to treat systemic or invasive infection
  - Administered intravenously, orally or by inhalation
  - Mono-therapy, combination therapy and/or prophylactic use
  - External topical administration excluded
- Formation of a Working Group to consider and to provide a consensus on A2As to inform development of policy in the AMR area



#### **Antibodies**

Bind to particular bacteria or their products, restricting their ability to cause disease



#### **Probiotics**

Prevent pathogenic bacteria colonising the gut



#### Lysins

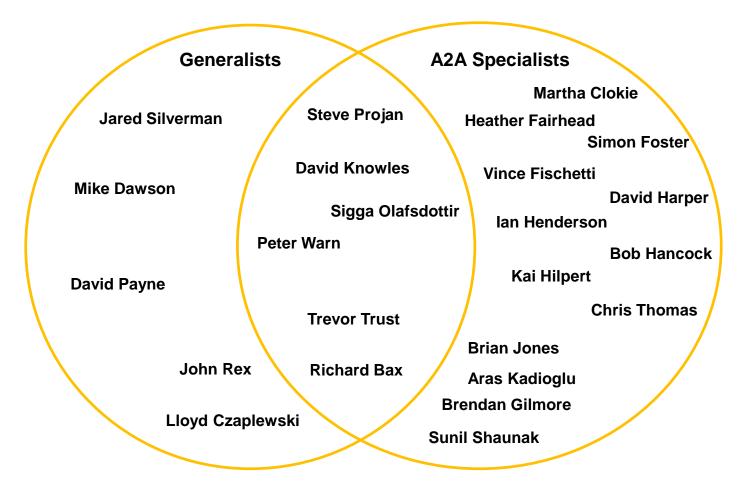
Enzymes that directly and quickly act on bacteria



## Peptides

Non-mammalian animals' natural defences against infection

## The Working Group (24)



### **Review process**

- 50-page technical report on 19 A2A approaches
- Meeting at the Wellcome Trust 10 December 2014
- Collective email "debate" & iterative maturation of the technical report
- Transformation of the report into a consensus Lancet ID manuscript
- Publication of the review in Lancet ID online Jan 12 2016

# Alternatives to antibiotics—a pipeline portfolio review

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## **A2A Review/Lancet ID Article Impact**

- O'Neill AMR Team
  - Article informed the Vaccine & Alternatives report (11th Feb 2016)
  - A2A's to be treated on par with antibiotics with access to the proposed Global Innovation Fund



Tackling drug-resistant infections globally

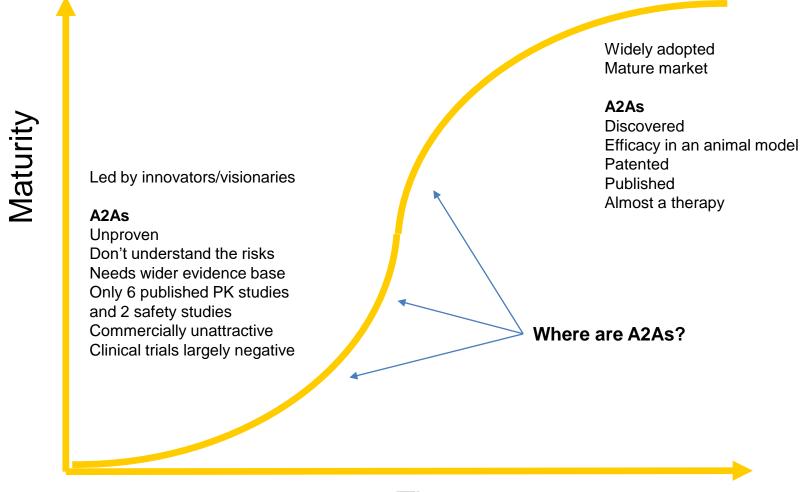




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#### **Alternatives to Antibiotics**



Time

# Given the current A2A portfolio we cannot expect a new *therapeutic* to treat systemic or invasive bacterial infection within the next 10 years

Approach	Probability of registration by 2025 %	First in man use	Target bacteria
Antibodies	170	Prevent	P. aeruginosa, S. aureus, C. difficile
Probiotics	124	Treat or Prevent	C. difficile
Lysins	26	Treat	Gram-positive & Gram-negative?
Bacteriophages	9	Treat	P. aeruginosa, C. difficile
Immune Stimulation	43	Prevent or Adjunct	C. difficile, Broad-spectrum
Vaccines	188	Prevent	C. difficile, P. aeruginosa, S. aureus
Peptides	<20	Treat or Adjunct	P. aeruginosa, C. difficile, S. aureus

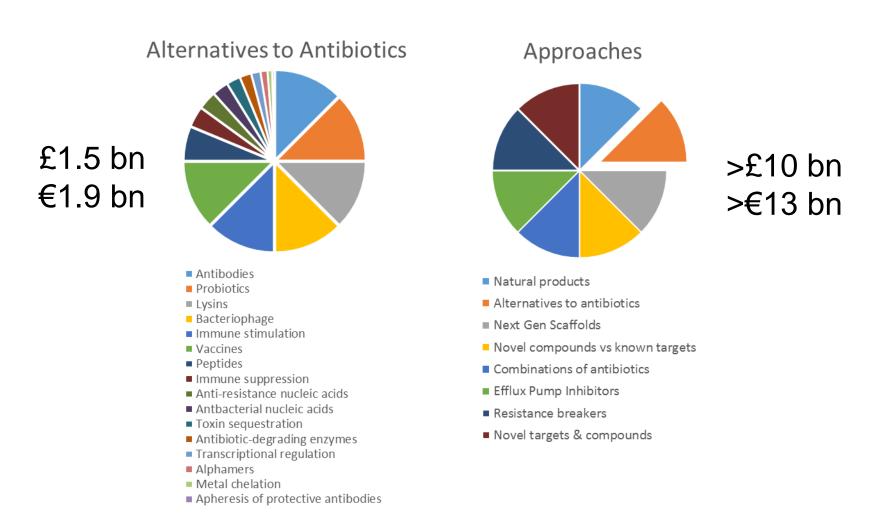
With adequate funding into antibodies, probiotics and vaccines, we expect registration of:-

- 2 new medicines for *C. difficile* (probiotic and antibody or vaccine) by 2019
- 1 for *P. aeruginosa* (antibody or vaccine) by 2021
- 1 for *S. aureus* (antibody or vaccine) by 2022

## The A2A experiment

- Antibiotics have provided multiple medicines over 70 years & a huge investment
- A2As have not had the same investment
- Insufficient experience and literature of preclinical to clinical transition
- Clinical potential unproven
- Challenging investment argument
- BUT potentially a new source of medicines
- Identify which approaches are most attractive;
- Develop diagnostics to enable use of targeted therapies
- Refocus healthcare from treatment to prophylaxis
- Multiple products will be required to replace a single antibiotic
- Funding should focus on market pull rather than research push
- Invest in experimental clinical medicine not just drug discovery
- Develop A2A networks and a more collegiate approach
- Without adequate funding we cannot act as if there will be replacements for antibiotics

## Opportunity – just not enough activity?



# Solving the problem of antibiotic resistance

- Partnerships
  - experience, skills and insights
- International
- Coordinated
- Sustained
- Generational challenge
- Big science budgets

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