

INFECTIOUS DISEASES DATA OBSERVATORY

**A global clinical trial data  
platform for poverty-related  
diseases:**

**The potential and value for  
regulatory agencies**

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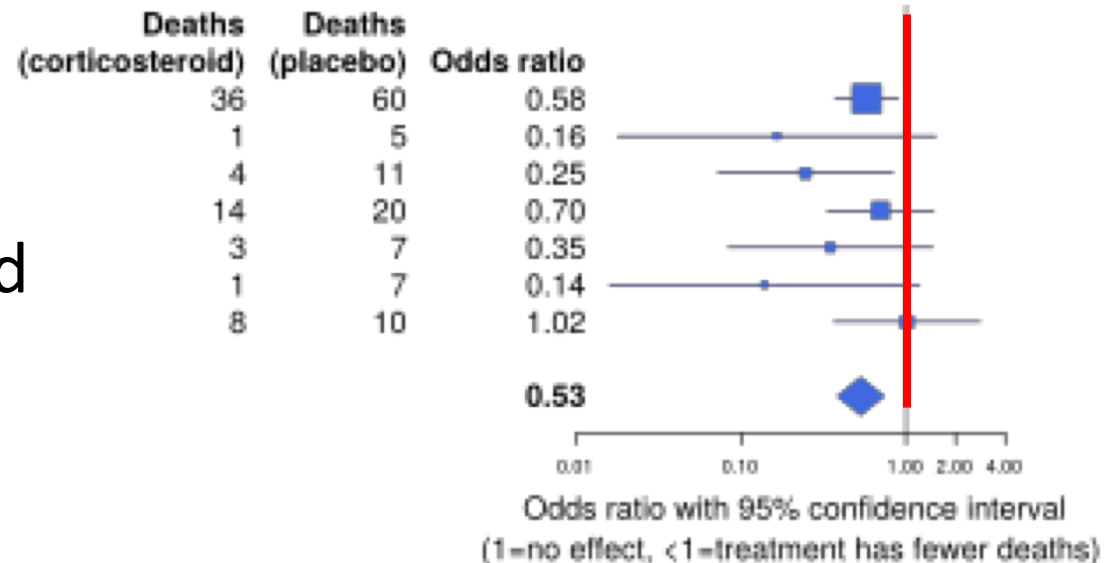
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# Standard evidence pathway: Aggregated meta-analyses from publications

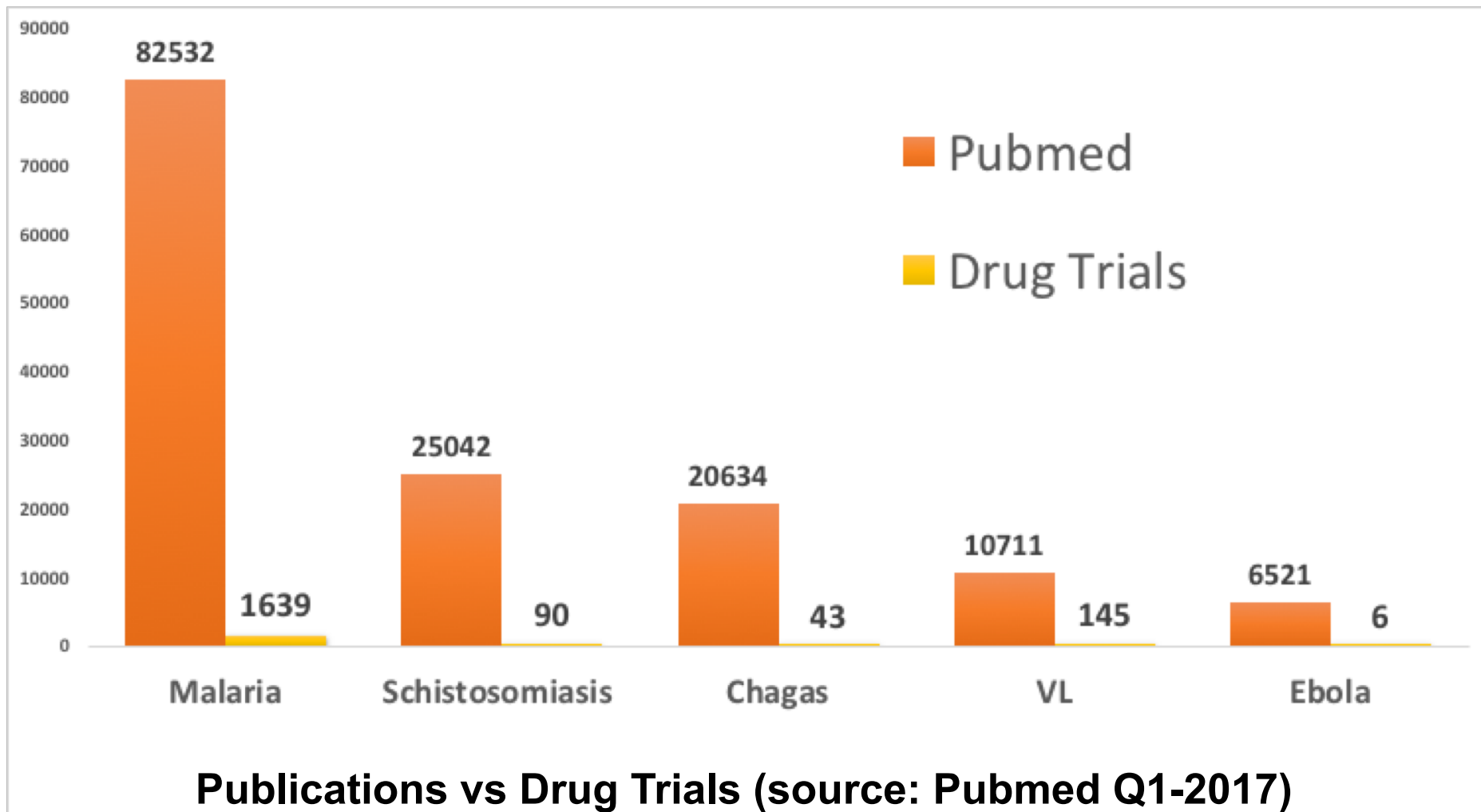
The evidence we would like to see

## Limitations

- Requires data from randomised controlled clinical trials
- Subject bias
- Unable to tease out heterogeneity across disease area, methodology, standards...
- Limited analysis of sub-groups: lack of granularity



# Volume of data available



# Scarce data on poverty-related diseases

- Limited commercial interest
- Challenges in patient recruitment
- Small sample sizes

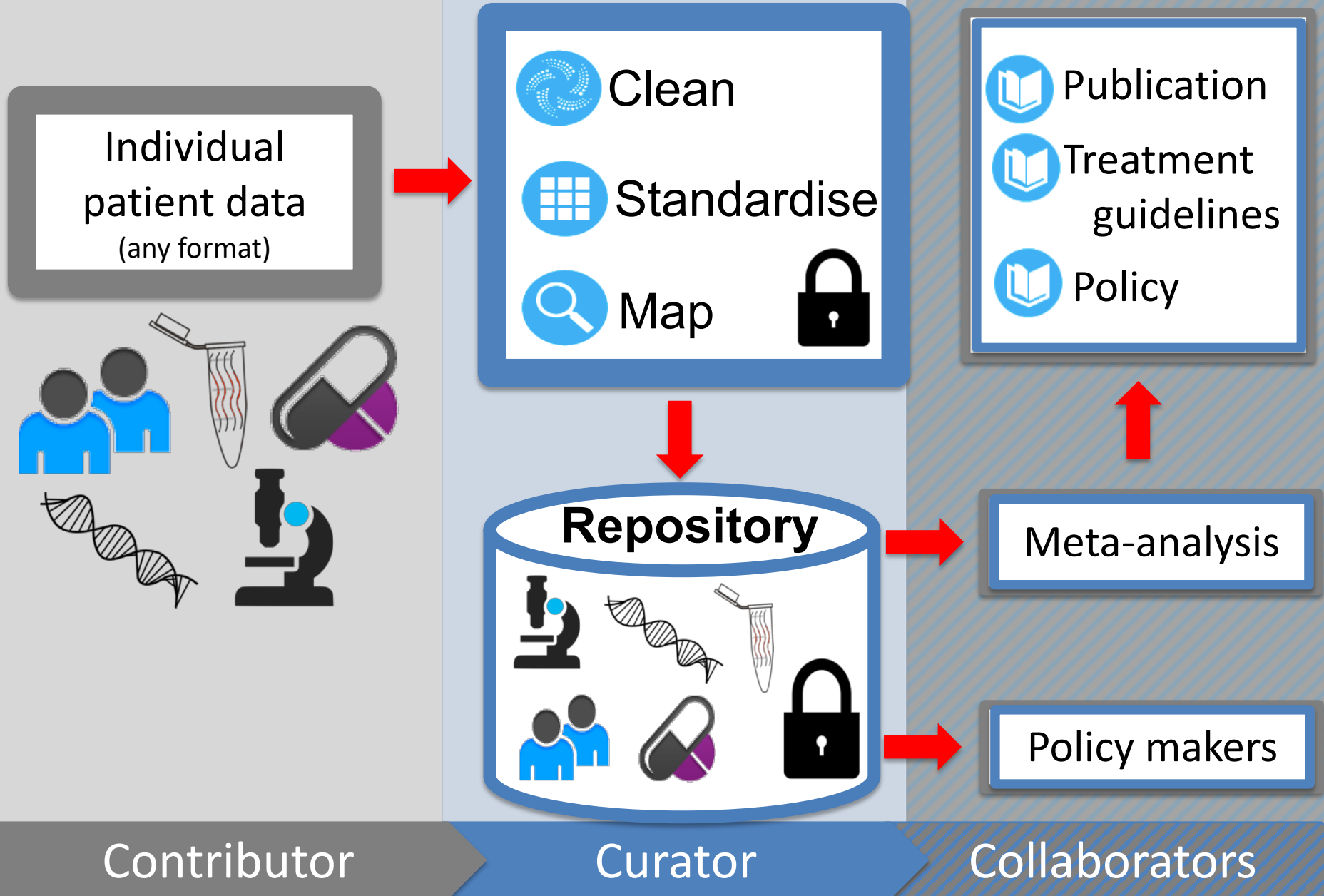
**Thus strengthening the case of journals, funders and public health agencies that sharing data is necessary to maximise health benefits.**



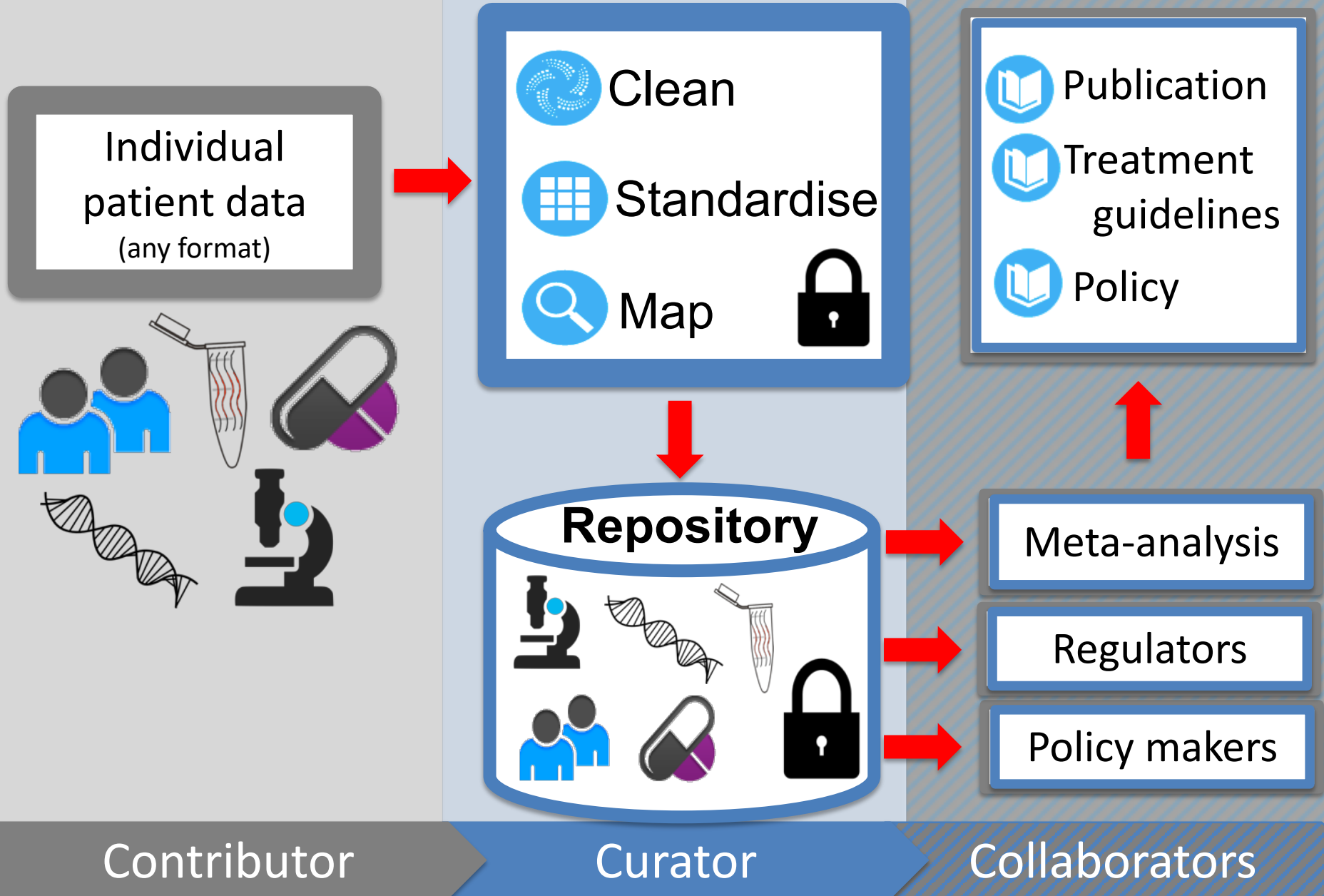
# Barriers to accessing data on poverty-related diseases

- Perceived disadvantage for researchers in low-resource settings
- Risk vs. benefit
- Political sensitivities
- Concerns regarding consent and data privacy
- Lack of confidence in data quality
- Challenges of sharing benefits with communities of data origin
- Geographically scattered
- Methodologically diverse

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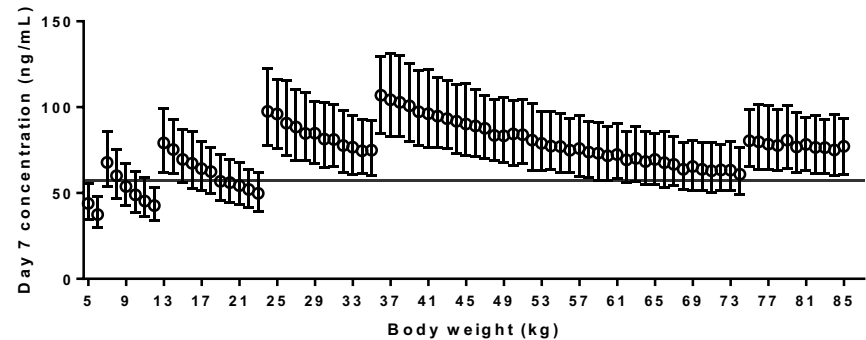
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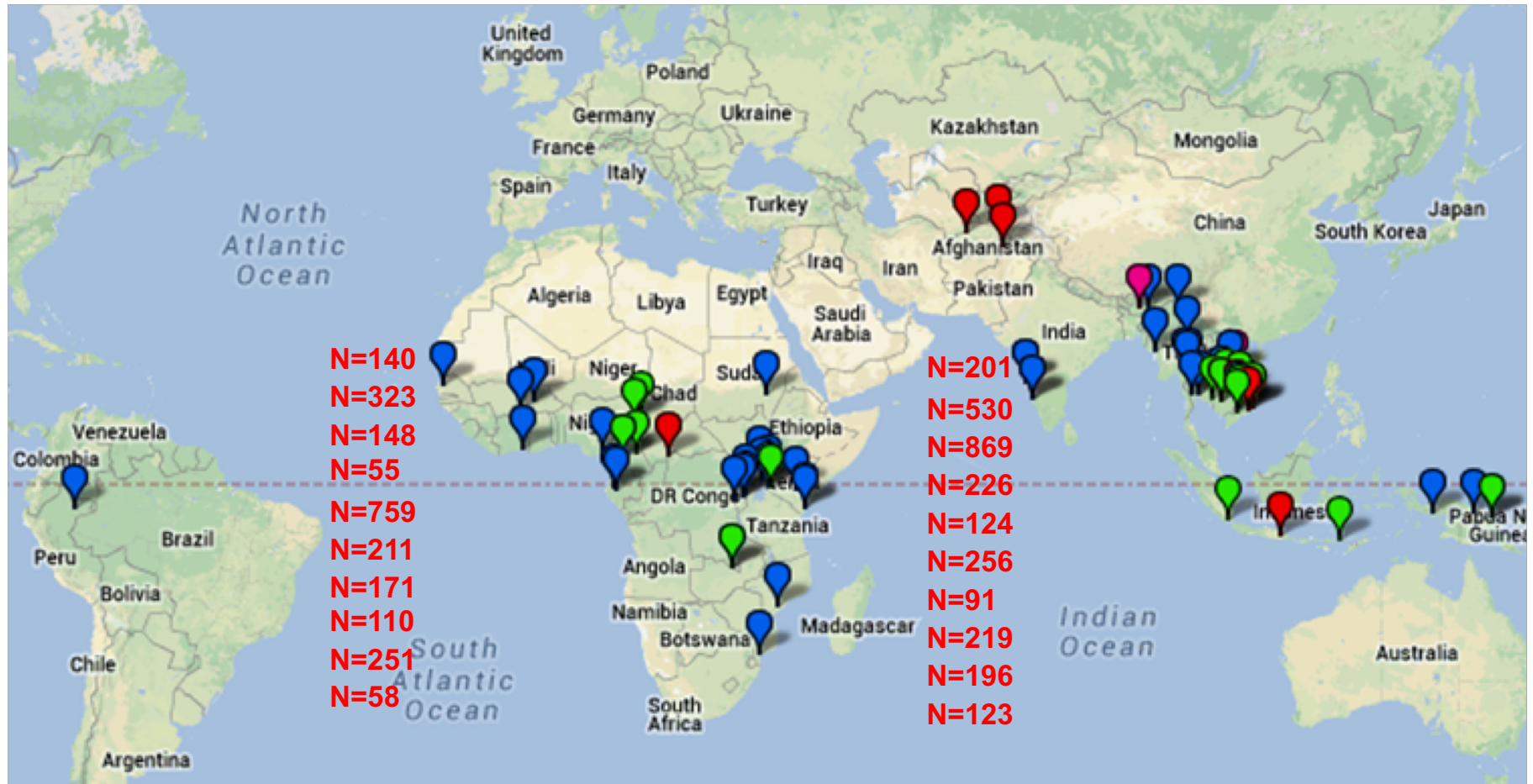
**Case reports:**  
**high failure rates**  
**in young children**

## Dose by weight band

Eurartesim<sup>®</sup> manufacturer recommendation



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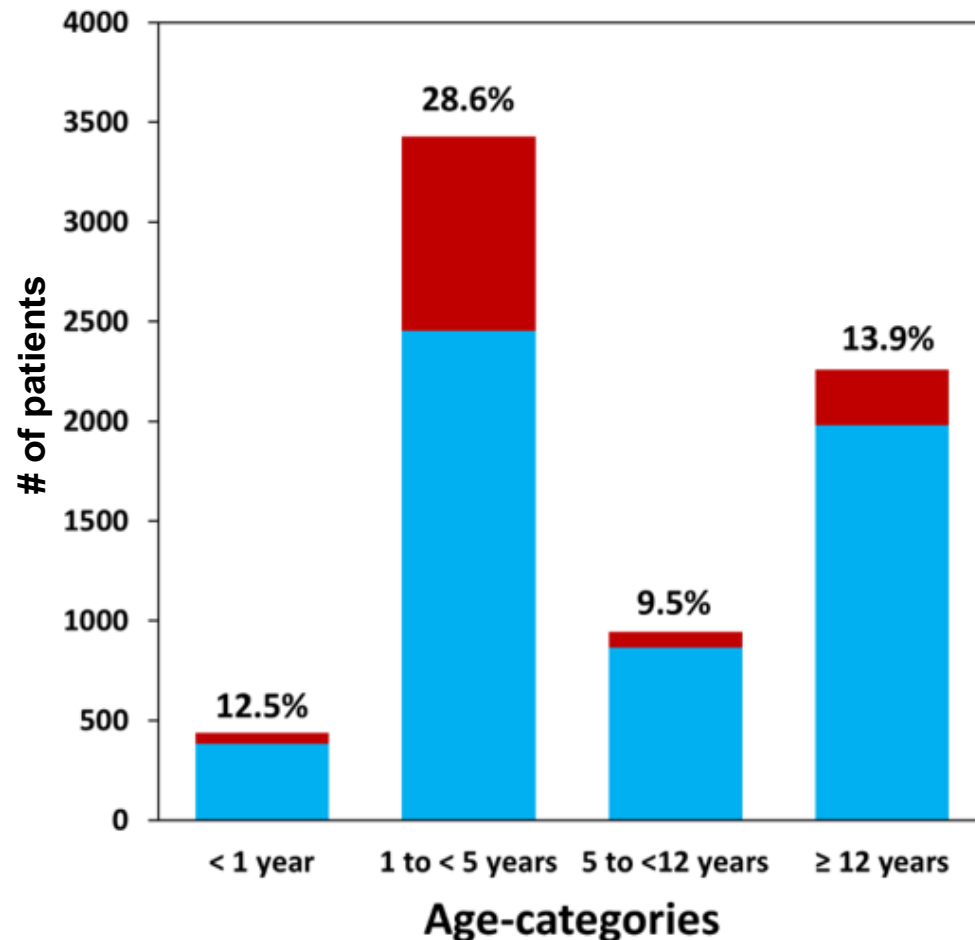


**26 studies over 10 years - 7,072 patients**

**individual patient-level data (IPD)**

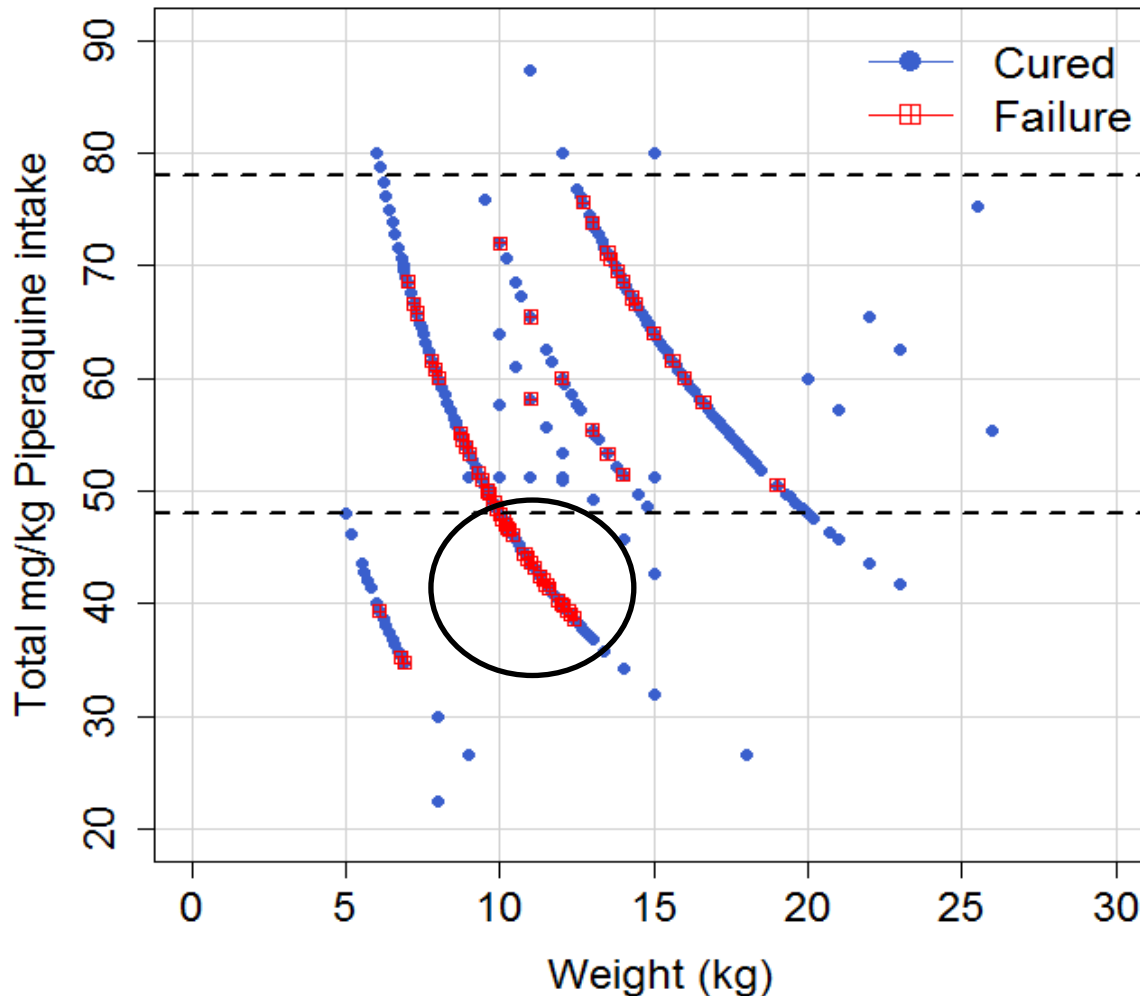
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**¼ of children were  
under-dosed**





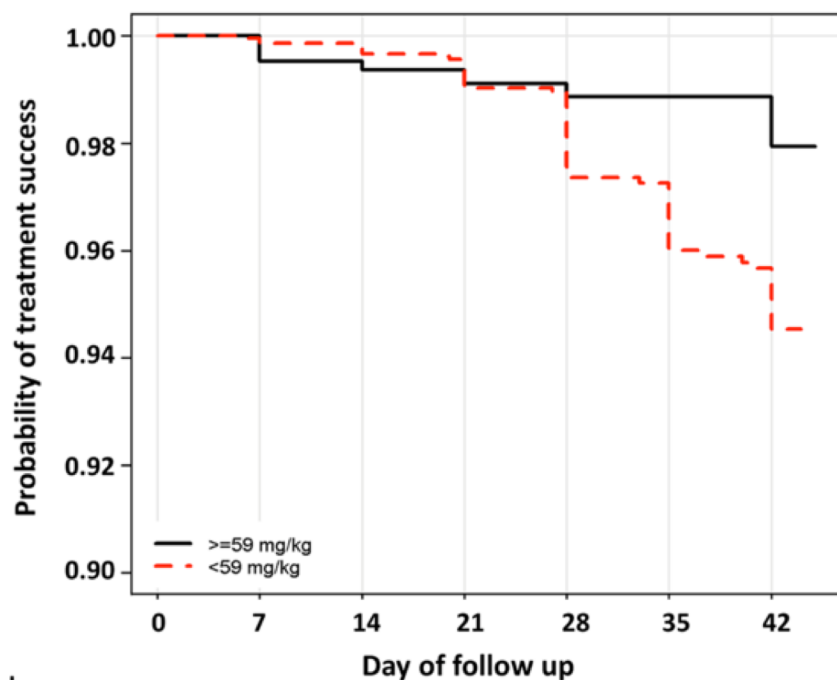
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WHO  
recommended  
therapeutic  
range  
(48 -78 mg/kg)  
for piperavaquine

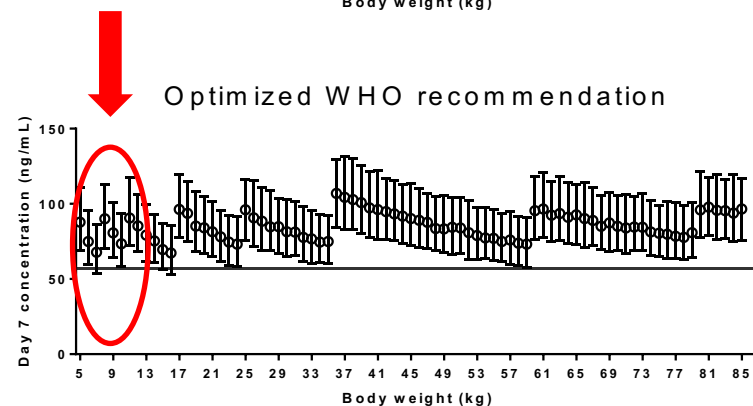
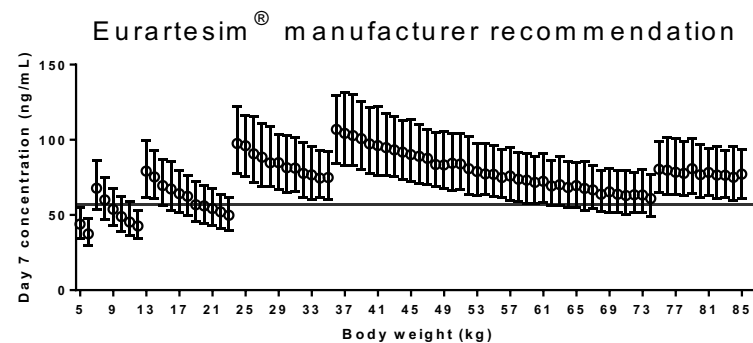
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N at risk

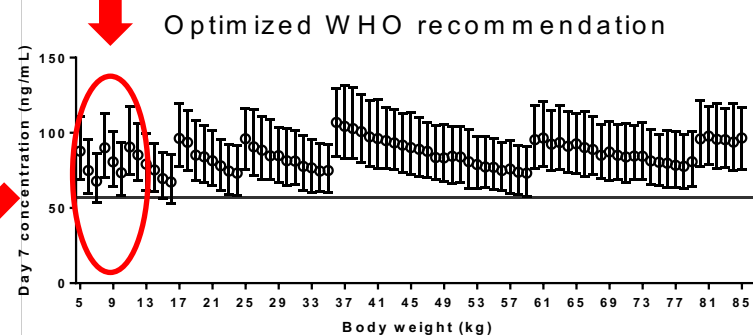
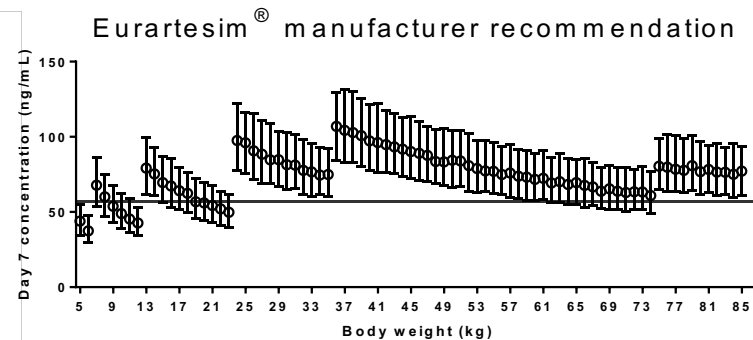
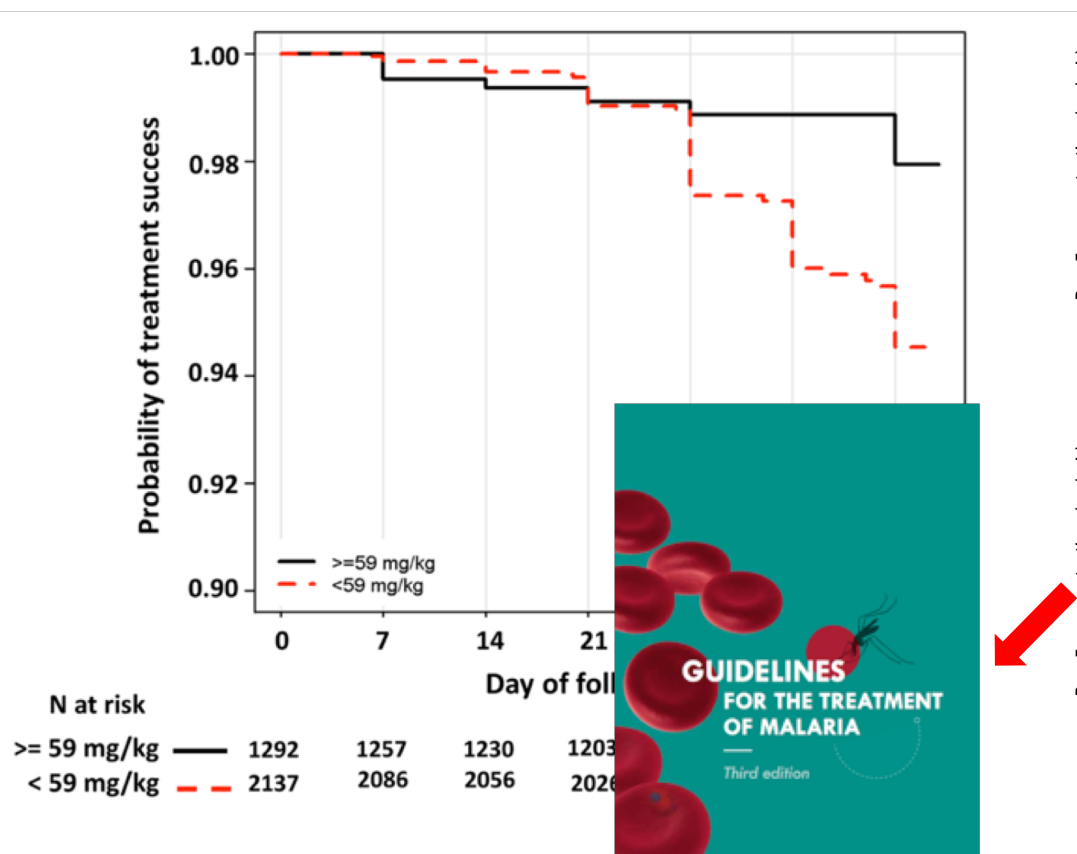
$\geq 59$ mg/kg	—	1292	1257	1230	1203	1179	572	540
$< 59$ mg/kg	- -	2137	2086	2056	2026	1964	932	845





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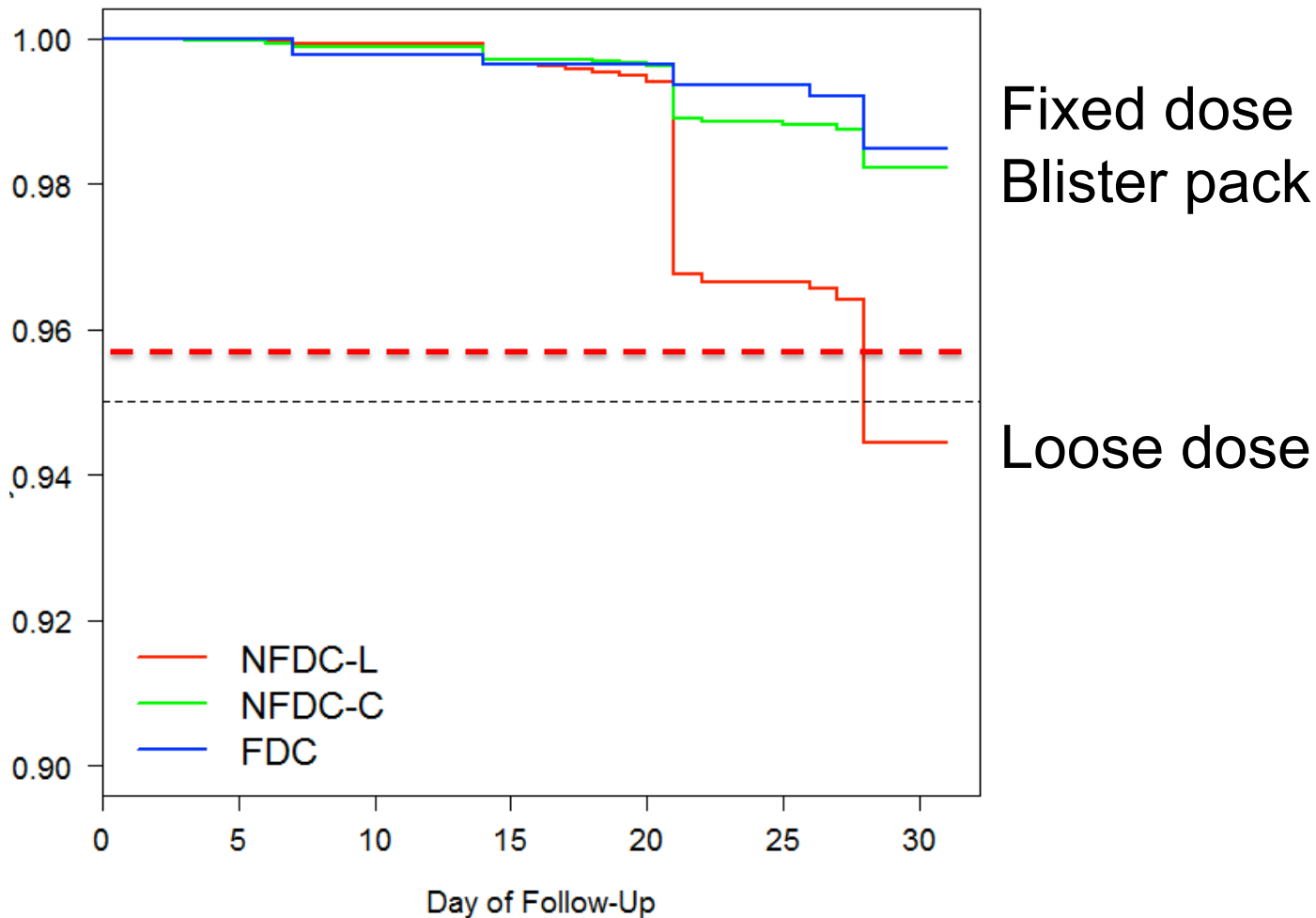
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**POLICY IMPACT.**

# Artesunate – Amodiaquine (ASAQ)

1<sup>st</sup> line treatment in 25 countries: Signs of reduced efficacy  
7796 patients, 36 studies



# Artesunate – Amodiaquine (ASAQ)

Differentiate incorrect dosage from resistance

- ≠ conclusion to meta-analysis based on aggregated data
- ≠ formulations lead to ≠ outcomes
- Prevent premature withdrawal of one of few effective ACTs

## Simplified 3-Day ACT dose regimen of ASAQ

	NEW Fixed-dose Artesunate/amodiaquine 3 dosage strengths available	Co-blistered Artesunate-amodiaquine AS: 50 mg; AQ 153 mg	Fixed-dose Artemether/ lumenfrantine (Coartem®) AM: 20 mg; LF: 120 mg
Infants (<8.9 kg)	AS: 25 mg AQ: 67.5 mg		<10 kg Not recommended*
Young Children (8-17.9 kg)	AS: 50 mg AQ: 135 mg		10-15 kg AM PM
Children (18-35.9 kg)	AS: 100 mg AQ: 270 mg		15-25 kg AM PM
Adults (>36 kg)	AS: 100 mg AQ: 270 mg	AM PM	25-35 kg AM PM >35 kg AM PM

\* A pediatric formulation of AR/LU is currently under development by Novartis and MIV



**POLICY IMPACT.**

**PRODUCTION IMPACT.**



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# PATIENT IMPACT.

## SUPPORTING THE MALARIA RESEARCH COMMUNITY

THROUGH HIGH-QUALITY ANALYSIS, TOOLS AND A PLATFORM FOR COLLABORATION

EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE provided to **69**  laboratories in **28** countries



A NETWORK of **280** collaborating organisations worldwide



**>600** MALARIA STUDIES



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**>150,000** individual patient data sets available to study groups

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**80%** OF THE WORLD'S ARTEMISININ BASED COMBINATION THERAPY (ACT) DATA



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Multidisciplinary SCIENTIFIC groups

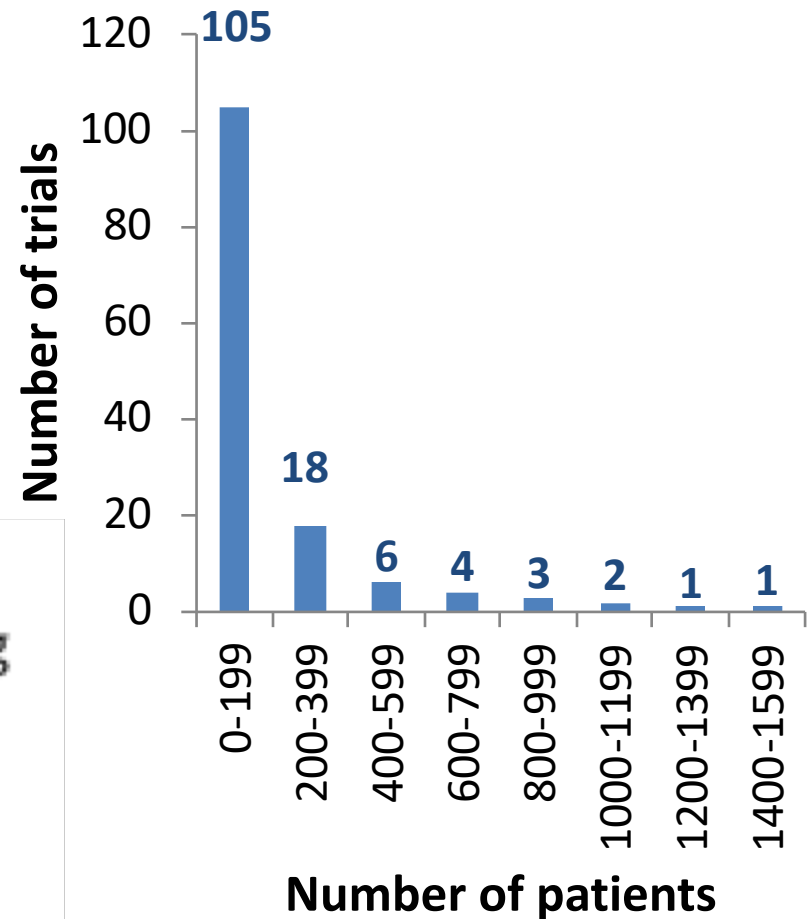


A TOOLKIT of resources

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# Visceral Leishmaniasis clinical trials landscape

- 141 clinical studies on VL drugs
  - 25,865 patients
  - **N < 200 for most trials**
- >10,000 patients in active trials



Systematic review of clinical trials assessing the therapeutic efficacy of visceral leishmaniasis treatments: A first step to assess the feasibility of establishing an individual patient data sharing platform

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# Understanding factors affecting efficacy

Drugs	SSG	Ampho B Liposomal	Ampho B deoxycholate	MIL	PM sulphate	SSG+PM	LAB+SSG	LAB+MIL	PM+MIL
<b>Clinical efficacy</b>									
<b>Asia</b>	35-95% (depending on areas)	> 97% all regions	> 97%; single dose: > 96%	94-97% (India)	94% (India)	93,8% (India)	> 97%	> 97%	> 97%
<b>Africa</b>	93%	33 - >97% (depending on areas)	Not fully established	72%	84%	91%	87%	79%	Not documented
<b>Resistance</b>	As high as 60% (India)	Not documented	Not documented	20% (Nepal)	Lab isolates (easily)	Lab isolates (easily)	Lab isolates	Lab isolates	Lab isolates (easily)

- *Extreme variations in treatment response observed by drugs and regions (source DNDi)*
- ***Can the 35,000 patients enrolled in clinical trials help to answer these questions?***



# Repurposing medicines in tropical medicine

**The norm, rather than the exception.**

- From animal health
  - Ivermectin, Moxidectin, Albendazole
- From other human indications
  - Oncology → miltefosine for VL, eflornitine for HAT
  - Mental health → thalidomide for erythema nodosum leprosum
  - Other ID → amphotericin B for VL

**Access to data can support the innovation of better treatment. A data platform enables access to data that could not otherwise be considered.**

# Repurposing drugs: Ivermectin as novel malaria control measure

- Ivermectin mass drug administration (MDA) under evaluation to aid malaria elimination
- Current label indications prohibit treatment of children <15kg for MDAs → weakens strategy
- Safety evidence for children <15kg exists in Strongyloidiasis - Onchocerciasis - Scabies
- Safety parameters for this population are not reported in the literature – IPD can provide the evidence base for re-labelling (on-going)



# Other examples

- **Visceral Leishmaniasis**
  - Miltefosine single dose and Liposomal amphotericin B
  - Now considered in combination
- **Human African Trypanosomiasis**
  - Recently registered fexinidazole for HAT (EMA CHMP Article 58) – now considered for Chagas disease
- **Malaria**
  - Primaquine registered for *P. vivax* to FDA in 1952
  - Repurpose for *P. falciparum*

# Cost-effectiveness: IPD vs. standard evidence pathway

- Access to IPD reduces the time to evidence
- Every study can accelerate treatment optimisation
  - greater health benefits (improved health outcomes, limit resistance, QALYs)
  - cost-savings (avoid rescue therapy, AE treatment, economic loss)
- Reduce waste in clinical research and surveillance
- Expedite change to policy and treatment guidelines

# The place of a data platform for regulators?

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**Objective 1:** Supporting the framework

- Resources, expertise, access to data

**Objective 2:** Real-life examples

- Repurposing is at the forefront of treatment options for poverty-related diseases

**Objective 3:** Communications

- Network of academics, policy makers and clinicians
- Connection to expert input and dissemination of EMA messages

# Place of data platform for regulators?

## Value pre-registration

- Lessons learned from the past
- Inform new drug development

## Value post-registration

- Phase IV and post-marketing clinical trials
- Capture safety signals: especially in settings with weak pharmacovigilance
- Critical for sub-populations
  - “vulnerable populations” usually excluded from trials: pregnant women, obese, malnourished, HIV, co-infections

## Specific value for poverty related diseases

- Sufficient size to examine **vulnerable populations**
  - **Often excluded/under represented in registration trials**
- Better historical baseline for evaluating treatments
  - Produce evidence not otherwise accessible
  - Prevent irremediable knowledge lost
    - Drug repurposing
- Ethical imperative
- Increase life span of registered drug
  - Optimisation of dose → role in AMR for antimicrobials

# Reflections for the future

- Started a dialogue with US-FDA
- Regulators could help to define priorities for data pooling
  - Drug developers may not realise the potential of data
- Quality and integrity of data
  - Open source standards (CDSIC) and improved methodology
- Cost effectiveness approach
  - Consolidate a registration dossier
  - Accelerate the development process
- Neutral role



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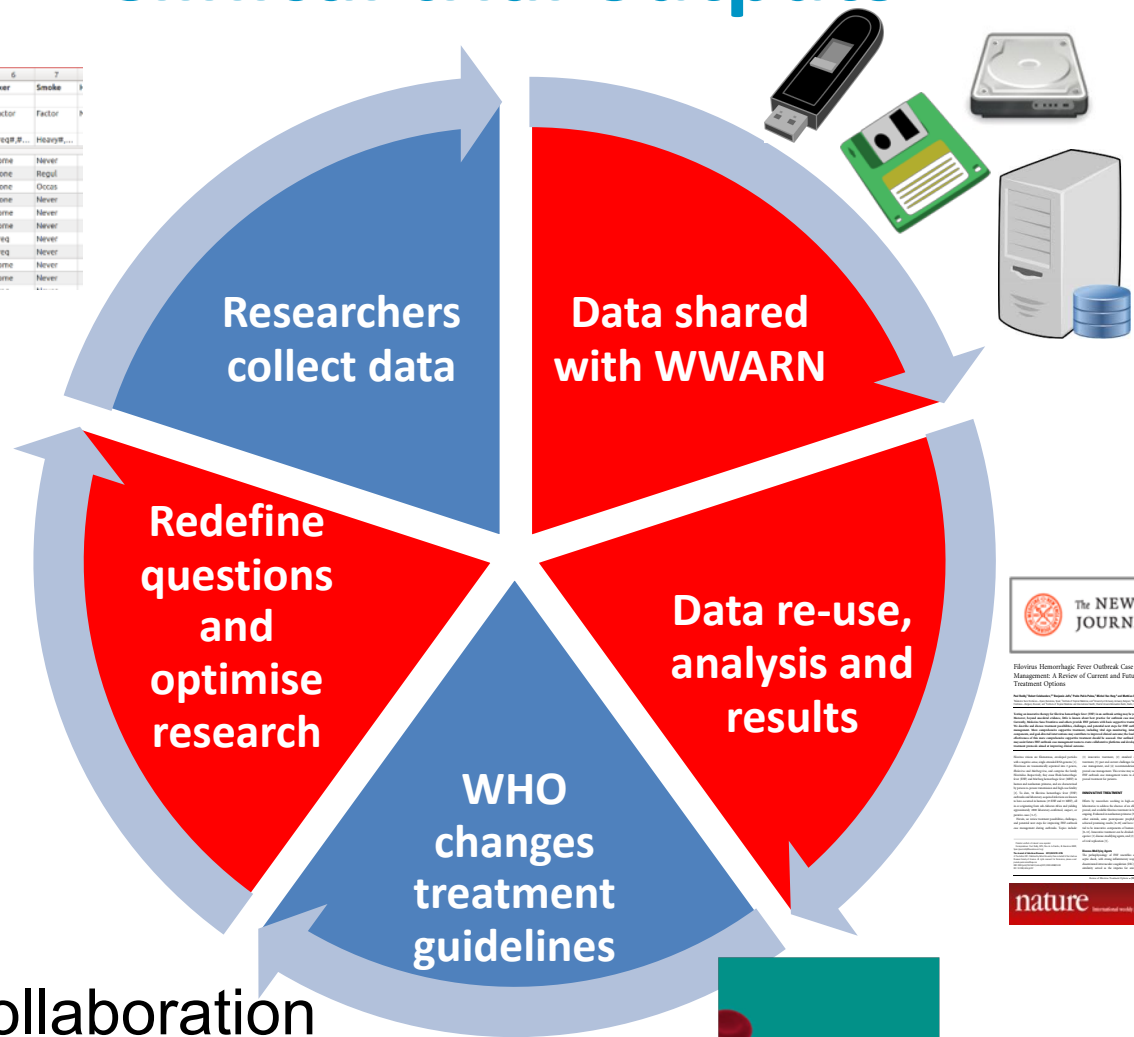
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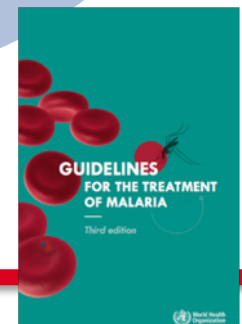
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# Clinical trial outputs

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Name	Sex	Fold	Pulse	Age	Clap	Exer	Smoke
Label							
Type	Factor	Factor	Number	Number	Factor	Factor	Factor
Format							
Levels	Female...	L on R...			Left/R...	Freq#R...	Heavy#...
1	Female	R on L	92	18.25	Left	Some	Never
2	Male	R on L	104	17.583	Left	None	Regul
3	Male	L on R	87	16.917	Neither	None	Occas
4	Male	R on L		20.333	Neither	None	Never
5	Male	Neither	35	23.667	Right	Some	Never
6	Female	L on R	54	21	Right	Some	Never
7	Male	L on R	83	18.833	Right	Freq	Never
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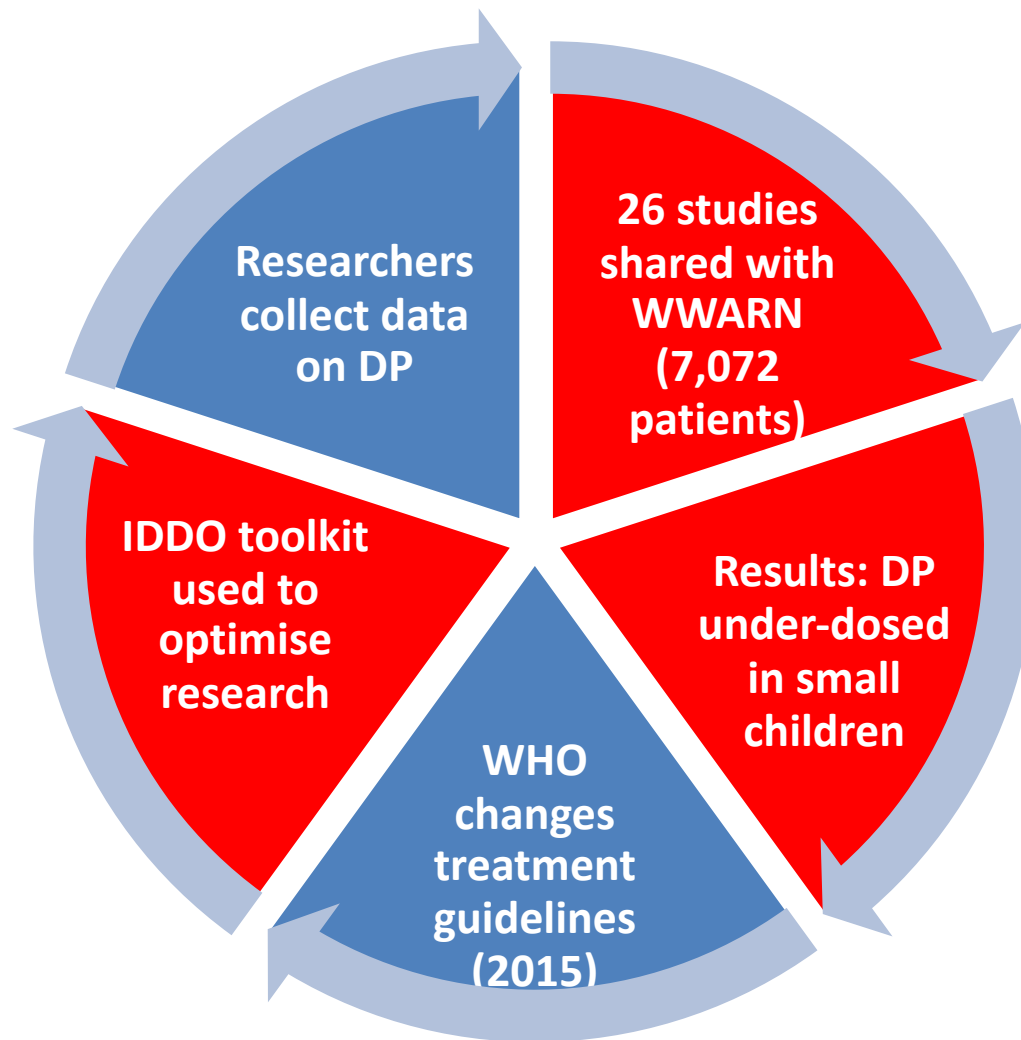


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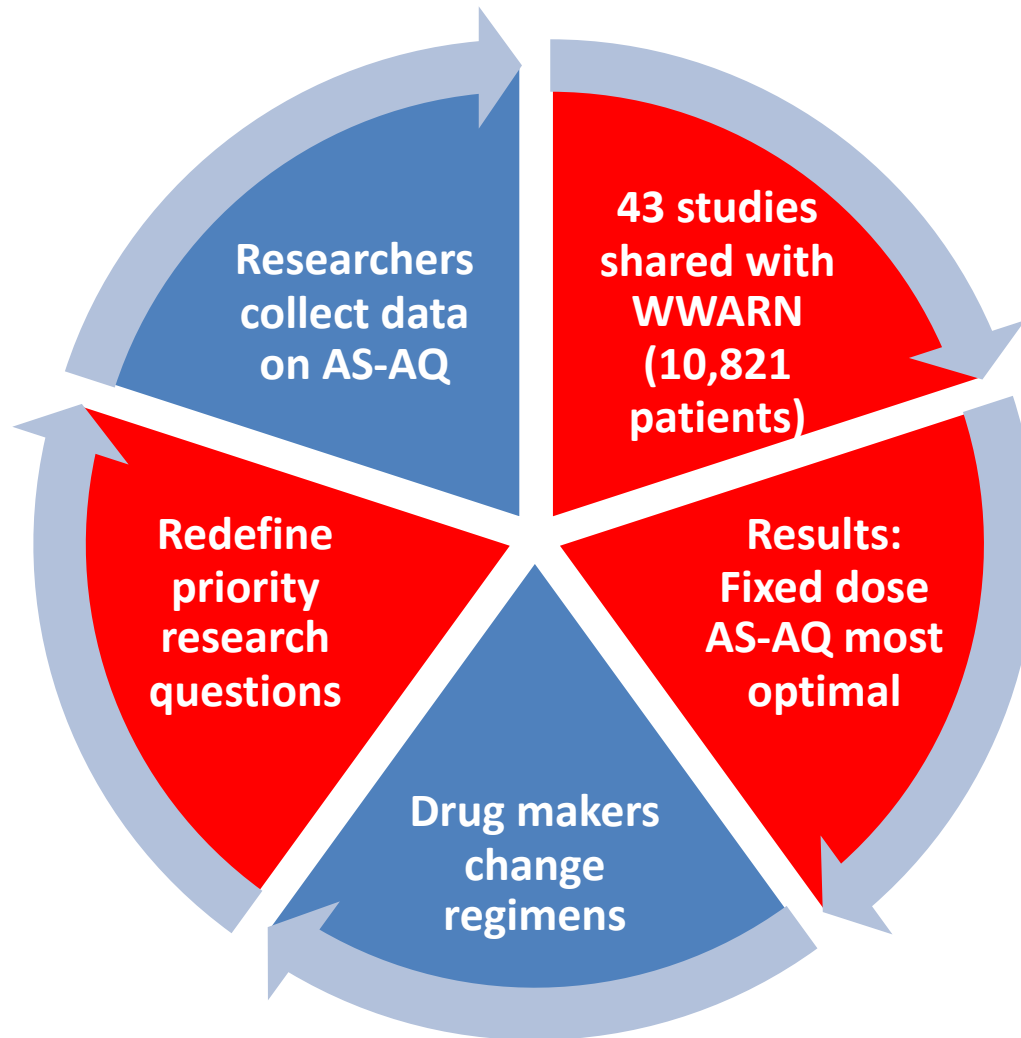
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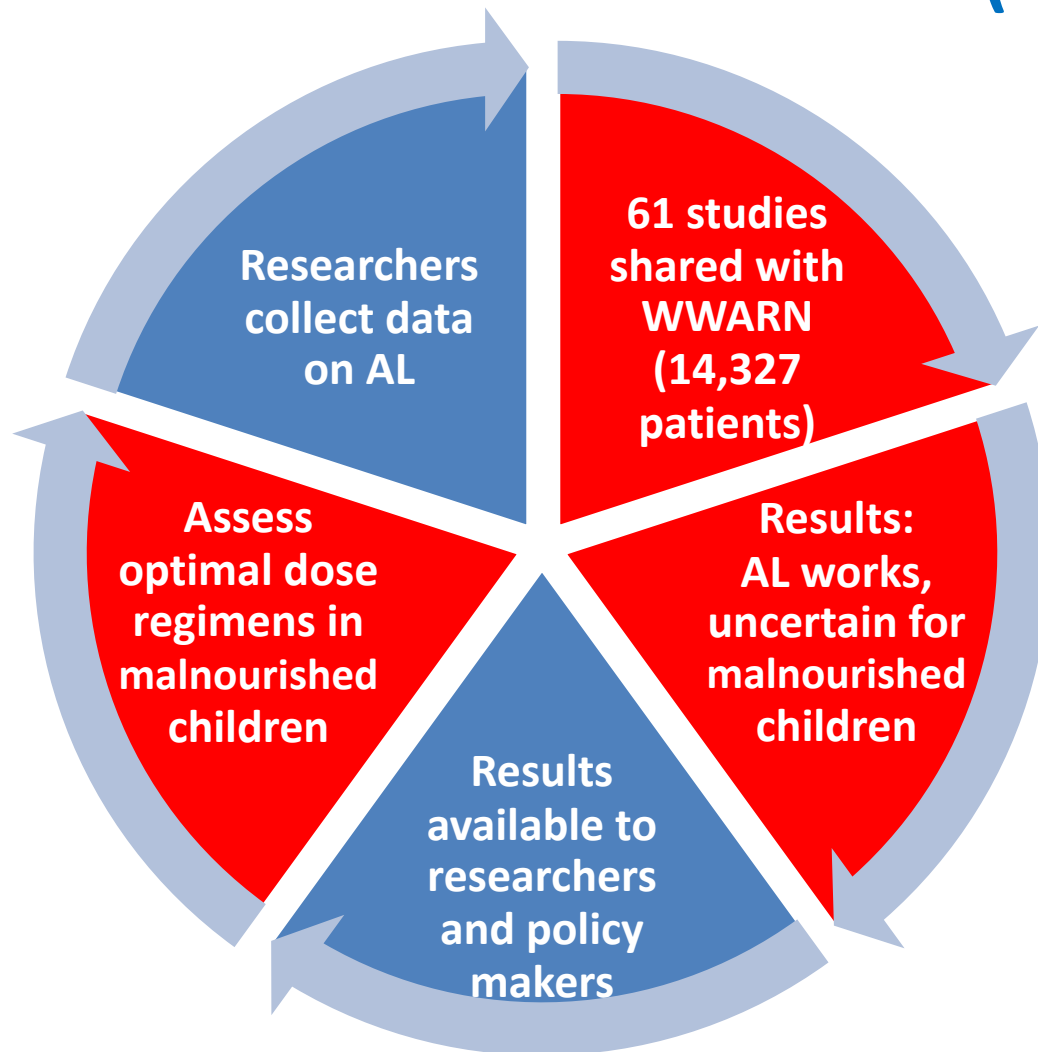
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# Efficacy of Artesunate Amodiaquine (AS-AQ)



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# Efficacy of Artemether Lumefantrine (AL)



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