

Antimalarial Drug Discovery

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One third of the world's population is at risk of malaria, a disease caused by the protozoan of the genus Plasmodium upon an infected mosquito bite. Although the burden of malaria has practically reduced by 47% since 2000, the number of victims remains unacceptable with ~584,000 deaths in 2014 where a vast majority (78%) are children below 5-year of age.

In light of the risk of resistance to current antimalarials and to meet the malaria eradication agenda, the drug pipeline needs to be fed with new agents that are adapted to differentiated target product profiles.

Some of these aspects will be discussed with two examples:

- 1. The screening and hit evaluation of a chemical library against blood-stage Plasmodium falciparum.
- 2. A new antiplasmodial lead series with a long-acting potential profiled in various assays relevant to the malaria drug discovery test cascade.

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