

## **Pediatric Praziquantel Consortium closing meeting**

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2026

**Location:** Utrecht, Netherlands

**Meeting organizer:** Consortium coordinator Lygature

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### **Meeting venue:**

The meeting will take place at Villa Jongerius, Doctor M.A. Tellegenlaan 1, 3527 MH Utrecht.

### **Dinner:**

On Wednesday, February 25, we will conclude the day with a walking dinner at the venue. On Thursday, February 26, we will have dinner at Grand Bar & Brasserie Marië, Mariaplaats 14, 3511 LJ Utrecht.

### **Accommodation:**

For consortium members, we have reserved accommodation for you at the Hampton by Hilton Utrecht, located at Boven Catharijnepoort 4, 3511 WN Utrecht. The booking is from Tuesday, February 24, with check-out on Friday, February 27.

The key objectives of the Pediatric Praziquantel Consortium closing meeting are:

- a) To look back on our journey and celebrate our achievements.
- b) To highlight the strategic approaches throughout the drug development phases of the program and share experiences and lessons learned
- c) To exchange our knowledge on the implementation studies, including platform selection and toolkit development.

## **INVITED**

- **Consortium partners:** Farmanguinhos, Astellas, KEMRI, UFHB, AIHD, MoH Kenya, MoH CIV, Makerere University, MoH Uganda, Merck, Unlimit Health, Swiss TPH, TUM, Lygature
- **External organizations:**
  - Representatives from additional Wave-1 countries (Senegal and Tanzania)
  - GHIT Fund (online participation)
  - EDCTP
  - WHO (online participation)
  - Representatives from ADP
  - Helen Keller International

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### **Day 1 (11:00-17:00h) – Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>**

Location:

Villa Jongerius, Doctor M.A. Tellegenlaan 1, 3527 MH Utrecht.

#### **AIM:**

- Focus on R&D: the drug development path to deliver the new medication for preschoolers – Challenges, Lessons & Successes
- Merck in the lead
- Topics:
  - Research: CMC / Process Development to Manufacturing
  - Clinical Development Program
  - Regulatory Strategy
  - Access Path
- Host of Ceremony: Remco

| Time          | Topic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Speaker                                                                                                                             |
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| 11:00 – 11:15 | Walk-in and registration                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                     |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | Introduction: Overview of Consortium history                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Lygature ( <b>Remco de Vruet</b> ) + Merck (Harald Nusser) + Jutta Reinhard-Rupp (virtual)                                          |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Opening Remarks: WHO Guidelines / Target Product Profile                                                                                                                                                                                         | WHO Representative ( <b>Amadou Garba</b> ) – (virtual)                                                                              |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                     |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Developing the medication: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CMC/Process Development</li> <li>- Manufacturing, including Technology Transfers</li> </ul>                                                                                  | Astellas (Hiroyuki Kojima) – (virtual)<br>Merck (Lars Faber (online), <b>Matthias Helmreich</b> )<br>Farmanguinhos (Daniel Lacerda) |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | Clinical Development Program : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strategy and Overview</li> <li>- Clinical Operations Challenges &amp; Learnings</li> <li>- The experience in Africa: Clinical Phase II<br/>Clinical Phase III</li> </ul> | Merck ( <b>Rana Afshar</b> )<br>UFHB (Eliezer N’Goran)                                                                              |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Group picture & Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                     |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Regulatory Strategic Approach                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Merck (Katja Schuez/ <b>Roser Ibern Oriol</b> )                                                                                     |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Access Path: Defining an Ecosystem                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Merck ( <b>Beatrice Greco</b> )                                                                                                     |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | Q&A and Closure of Day 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Lygature ( <b>Remco de Vruet</b> )                                                                                                  |
| 17:00 – 18:00 | Board meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                     |
| 18:00         | Consortium walking Dinner @Villa Jongerius                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                     |

Note: Names in **bold** coordinates the preparation for their specific agenda session.

Contact/overall coordination: Claudia Cecalupo / Beatrice Greco

## Day 2 (09:00-17:00h) – Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup>

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### AIM:

- To exchange our knowledge on the implementation studies, including platform selection and toolkit development.
- Focus on ADOPT
- Including experiences from externals (Tanzania & Ghana)

| Time          | Topic                                                                                                                                                                                 | Speaker                                       |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 08:45 – 09:00 | Walk-in                                                                                                                                                                               |                                               |
| 09:00 - 09:15 | Welcome today & ADOPT project achievements                                                                                                                                            | Peter and/or Jenny                            |
| 09:15 – 11.15 | ADOPT country presentations (implementation & social science) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cote d'Ivoire</li> <li>- Uganda</li> <li>- Kenya</li> <li>- Q&amp;A</li> </ul> | Country representatives                       |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | Break                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                               |
| 11:30 – 12:15 | The PAWPER XL-MAC tape as an alternative to weighing scales                                                                                                                           | Nora                                          |
| 12:15 – 13:15 | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                               |
| 13:15 – 14:30 | Panel discussion 1: What have we learned from social sciences and what does this mean for the future?                                                                                 | TUM                                           |
| 14:30 - 14:15 | Break                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                               |
| 14:15 – 15:45 | Highlights from Senegal and Tanzania: Progress update and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ADP</li> <li>- HKI</li> </ul>                                           | Leslie<br>Paul<br>Mamadou<br>Leslie<br>Angela |
| 15:45 – 16:00 | Break                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                               |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | Panel discussion 2: What have we learned from integration and what does this mean for the future?                                                                                     | Peter & Jenny<br>Active participation         |
| 17:00 – 17:15 | Closure of Day 2                                                                                                                                                                      |                                               |
| 19:00         | Dinner in city centre – Grand Bar & Brasserie Marië                                                                                                                                   |                                               |

**Day 3 (09.00-15h) – Friday February 27<sup>th</sup>**

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**AIM:**

- Morning: continue ADOPT
- Afternoon: reflection & future
- Closing: Celebration of the consortium

| Time          | Topic                                                                                                                                 | Speaker             |
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| 08:45 – 09:00 | Walk-in                                                                                                                               |                     |
| 09:00 – 09:15 | Welcome today, recap past two days                                                                                                    | Lygature            |
| 09:15 – 10:00 | Statement from funders; EDCTP and GHIT                                                                                                | EDCTP & GHIT        |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Coordination & Sustainability                                                                                                         | Lygature            |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Showcasing the ADOPT toolkit                                                                                                          | UH & Swiss TPH      |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Break                                                                                                                                 |                     |
| 11:15 – 12:15 | Panel reflection session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What have we achieved?</li> <li>- What have we learned?</li> </ul> | Board Members & WHO |
| 12:15 – 12:35 | Concluding statements                                                                                                                 | Lygature + Partners |
| 12:35 – 12:45 | Group picture                                                                                                                         |                     |
| 12:45 – 14:00 | Lunch, pie and drinks                                                                                                                 |                     |