

# CARB-X

*Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria*

## CARB-X Funding Rounds for 2018

Supporting innovation to fight drug-resistant bacteria

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*Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria*

A non-profit partnership  
accelerating the best science  
from around the world to fight  
drug resistant infections

## FUNDERS



## PARTNERS





# CARB-X funds R&D to combat the rising threat of serious drug-resistant bacteria



## Urgent public health need

Antibiotic resistance kills an estimated 700,000 people each year world-wide. No new antibiotic classes for drug-resistant Gram-negative bacteria have been approved in decades.



## Turning science into products

CARB-X provides non-dilutive funding and accelerator support for projects that target Gram-negative resistant bacteria on the WHO and CDC priority lists.



## Investing globally

CARB-X is a non-profit public-private partnership investing \$455M in 2016-2021 to accelerate the early development of life-saving antibiotics, vaccines and rapid diagnostics.



## Partnering for results

CARB-X is funded by BARDA and the Wellcome Trust. NIAID provides pre-clinical services. Partners include the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, Massachusetts Biotechnology Council (MassBio), California Life Sciences Institute (CLSI) and RTI International. CARB-X is led by Boston University.

# Combating antibiotic resistant bacteria

## Better stewardship for existing antibiotics

Eliminate inappropriate use of these lifesaving drugs in both humans and animals.



Reduce the need for antibiotics by using alternative and nontraditional approaches to disease treatment and prevention.

Ensure that antibiotics are accessible and available to the people who need them.

## Innovation to find new types of antibiotics

Support targeted research initiatives to overcome scientific challenges impeding the discovery of new antibiotics.



Address the complex barriers hindering the development of new treatment options for patients.



Drug-resistant bacteria  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

# Global Reach: CARB-X Funds 23 Projects in 6 Countries\*



## North America

Forge Therapeutics  
San Diego, CA

Cidara Therapeutics  
San Diego, CA

Inhibrx  
La Jolla CA

Amicrobe Inc.  
Calsbad, CA

Curza  
Salt Lake City, UT

VenatoRx  
Pharmaceuticals  
Malvern, PA

Integrated  
Biotherapeutics  
Rockville, MD

Contrafect Corporation  
Yonkers, NY

Seres Therapeutics  
Cambridge, MA

Vedanta Biosciences  
Cambridge, MA

Spero Therapeutics  
Cambridge, MA

Visterra Inc.  
Cambridge, MA

Tetraphase  
Pharmaceuticals Inc.  
Watertown, MA

Entasis Therapeutics (2)  
Waltham, MA

Microbiotix Inc.  
Worcester, MA

## Europe and Asia

Iterum Therapeutics Ltd.  
Dublin, Ireland

Proteus IRC  
Edinburgh, Scotland

Oppilotech Ltd.  
London, UK

Eligochem Ltd.  
Sandwich, UK

Antabio  
Labège, France

Debiopharm International S.A.  
Lausanne, Switzerland

Bugworks Research India Pvt Ltd.  
Bangalore, India

\* As of Feb 15, 2018

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- 23 early development projects targeting serious drug resistant bacteria
- 8 new classes of antibiotics
- 10 non-traditional antibiotics
- 11 new molecular targets and a rapid diagnostic

CARB-X Antibacterial Treatment and Prevention Product Portfolio											
Sponsor	Product	Novelty			Description	Priority		Development Stage			
		New Abx Class	New Non-traditional Product	New Target		CDC	WHO	Hit to Lead	Lead Optimization	Pre-Clinical	Phase I
Amicrobe	Amicidin-β		✓		Next-generation local antimicrobial	✓	✓	Broad spectrum			
Antabio	PEI		✓	✓	Pseudomonas elastase inhibitor	✓	✓	P. aeruginosa			
Bugworks Research	GYROX	✓			Gyrase-topoisomerase inhibitor	✓	✓	Gram-negative activity			
Cidara Therapeutics	CD201		✓	✓	Bifunctional immunotherapy	✓	✓	Acinetobacter + P. aeruginosa + Enterobacteriaceae			
ContraFect	Gram-negative lysins		✓	✓	Recombinant lysin protein	✓	✓	P. aeruginosa			
Curza	CZ-02	✓		✓	Novel class Gram-negative	✓	✓	Broad Spectrum			
Debiopharm International SA	Debio1453	✓		✓	Narrow-spectrum inhibitors of FabI	✓	✓	Neisseria Gonorrhoeae			
Eligochem	Helical AMP	✓			Helical antimicrobial peptide	✓	✓	Gram-negative activity			
Entasis Therapeutics	ETX0282CPDP				Oral Gram-negative combination	✓	✓	Gram-negative activity			
Entasis Therapeutics	Non-BL PBPI	✓			Non-beta-lactam PBPI	✓	✓	Gram-negative activity			
Forge Therapeutics	FG-LpxC	✓		✓	LpxC inhibitor	✓	✓	Gram-negative activity			
Inhibrx	INBRX-111		✓	✓	Multi-specific antibody	✓	✓	P. aeruginosa			
Integrated BioTherapeutics	IBT-V02		✓		Multi-valent toxoid vaccine	✓	✓	S. aureus			
Iterum	Sulopenem				Oral and IV penem	✓	✓	Gram-negative activity			
Microbiotix	T3SS Inhibitor		✓	✓	Virulence modifier	✓	✓	P. aeruginosa			
Oppilotech	LPS	✓		✓	Targets synthesis of LPS	✓	✓	Gram-negative activity			
Seres Therapeutics	SER-155		✓		Microbiome - transplant patients	✓	✓	Broad spectrum activity vs CRE/NDM			
Spero Therapeutics	SPR741			✓	Potentiator	✓	✓	Gram-negative activity			
Tetraphase Pharmaceuticals	TP-6076				Next-generation tetracycline	✓	✓	Acinetobacter + Enterobacteriaceae			
Vedanta	VE303		✓		Microbiome	✓		C.difficile			
VenatoRx	VNRX-PBP	✓			β-lactamase resistant PBP inhibitor	✓	✓	Entero-bacteriaceae			
Visterra	VIS705		✓	✓	Antibody-drug conjugate	✓	✓	P. aeruginosa			

CARB-X Antibacterial Devices and Diagnostic Product Portfolio						
Sponsor	Type	Technology	Description			
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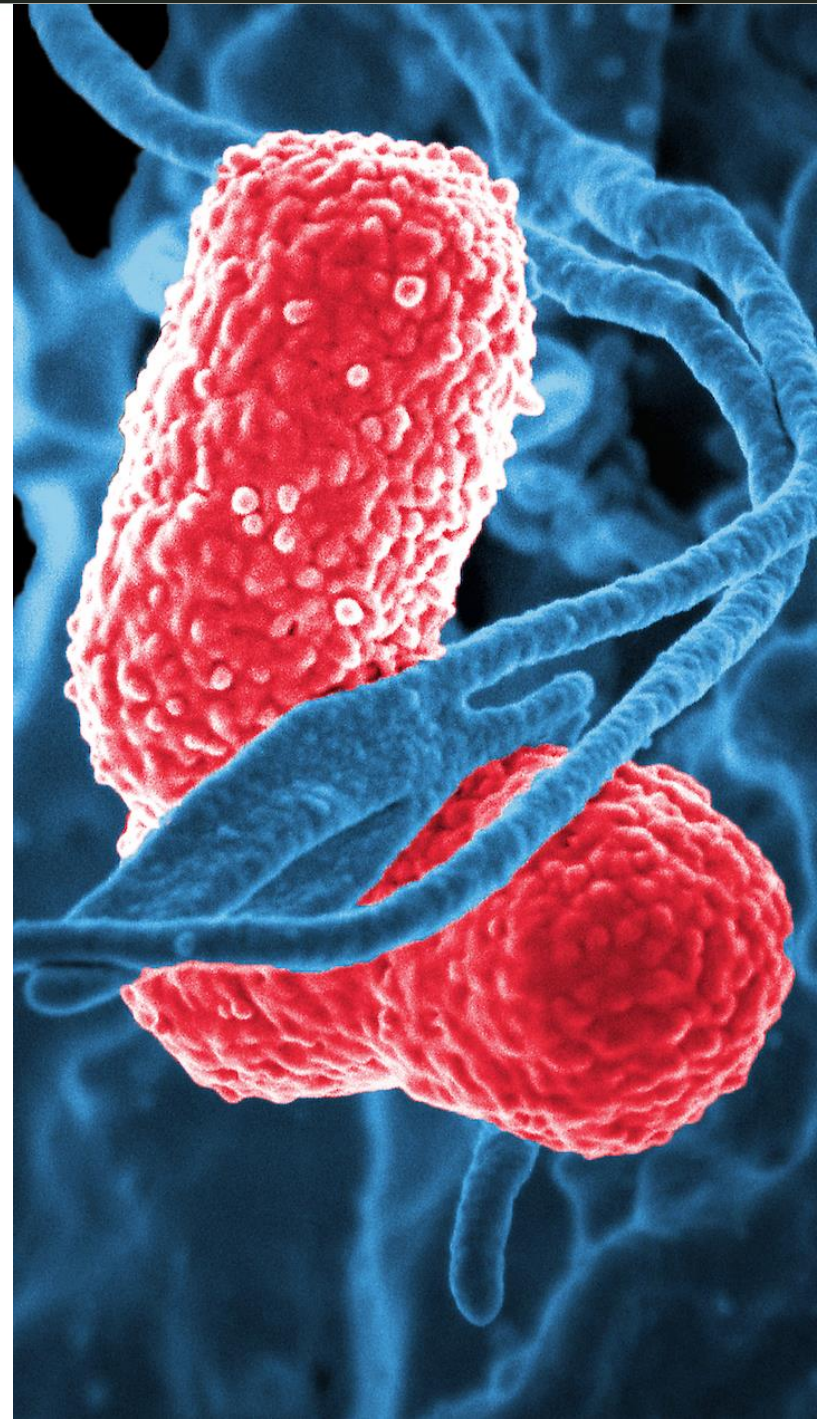
- CARB-X has announced more than \$62 million in awards, plus an additional \$77 million if project milestones are met.
- Many more awards to come in 2018, including a significant number of additional diagnostics

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# What CARB-X Funds

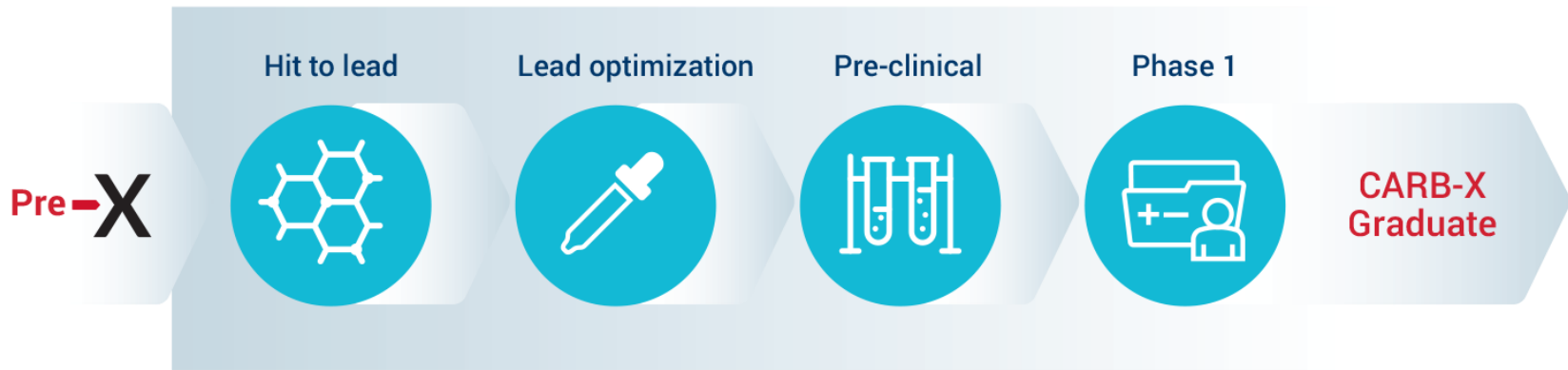
- Early development projects that address serious bacterial threats
  - antibiotics and therapeutics of all types
  - rapid diagnostics
  - prevention such as vaccines, microbiome, devices
- Projects must target specific bacteria on the [Antibiotic Resistance Threats List](#) issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 2013 or on the [Priority Bacterial Pathogens list](#) published by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2017





# CARB-X Funds Projects in Early Development

## Therapeutics & Preventatives



## Diagnostics & Devices



# CARB-X 2018 Funding Round 1

- Scope of Round 1
  - **New classes** of direct-acting small molecule and direct-acting large molecule antibiotics that target certain Gram-negative bacteria
- Expressions of Interest (EOI) accepted on-line only [www.carb-x.org/application](http://www.carb-x.org/application)
- EOI must be submitted March 22 through March 29, 2018, 5 pm EST

Applying for Round 1?  
Mark your calendar  
March 22 – 29, 2018



# CARB-X 2018 Funding Round 1 – Scope

Only projects in scope will be considered for funding by CARB-X. Please consult the tables below carefully. To be considered, Expressions of Interest for Round 1 must be submitted on-line March 22, 2018 through March 29, 2018, 5 pm EST

**2018 Funding Round 1 is restricted to 1) NEW classes of direct-acting small molecule therapeutics and 2) direct-acting large molecule therapeutics targeting the following Gram-negative pathogens**

*Acinetobacter baumannii*, carbapenem-R

*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, carbapenem-R

*Enterobacteriaceae*, carbapenem-R, 3<sup>rd</sup>-gen ceph-R (ESBL+)

*Salmonellae spp.*, fluoroquinolone-R<sup>1</sup>

*Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, 3rd-gen ceph-R, fluoroquinolone-R

*Shigella spp.*, fluoroquinolone-R<sup>1</sup>

## Please note

*These are not considered to be NEW classes and are therefore Out-of-Scope for funding in Round 1*

Out of Scope	Out of Scope
$\beta$ -lactams	Polymyxin
Glycopeptides (vancomycin)	Daptomycin
Quinolones	Pleuromutilin
Aminoglycosides	Nitrofurantoin
Tetracyclines	Trimethoprim
Oxazolidinones	Sulfamethoxazole
Macrolides	Rifampicin
Lincosamides	Mupirocin
Streptogramins	Fosfomycin
Chloramphenicol	Fusidic acid
Metronidazole	Fidaxomicin

**NEW class small molecule is defined as a core chemical structure (scaffold) that does not have an antibiotic for human use approved by the FDA or EMA as of March 1, 2018.**

**Beta-lactamase inhibitors and other potentiators are considered INDIRECT acting and therefore not in scope for Round 1**

<sup>1</sup> Applications for these pathogens should include a discussion of intended/potential routes for sourcing of funding for later stages of clinical development.

### Mode of administration preference guidance

- **For *Enterobacteriaceae* offerings:** If only for ESBL (eg. lacks CRE), PO options are higher priority than IV only
- For *Salmonellae spp.*, *Shigella spp.* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* offerings – oral delivery is strongly preferred
- Non-systemic modes of delivery are in-scope generally but would require well-reasoned justification for clinical utility/benefit

# CARB-X 2018 Funding Round 2

- Scope of Round 2
  - **Broad scope** of therapeutics, vaccines, diagnostics and devices
- Expressions of Interest (EOI) accepted on-line only [www.carb-x.org/application](http://www.carb-x.org/application)
- EOI must be submitted June 1 through June 8, 2018, 5 pm EST

Applying for Round 2?  
Mark your calendar  
June 1 - 8, 2018



# CARB-X 2018 Funding Round 2 – Scope

Only projects in scope will be considered for funding by CARB-X

To be considered, Expressions of Interest for Round 2 must be submitted on-line June 1 through June 8, 2018, 5 pm EST

Pathogen Scope	Area Scope				Other requirements (if direct Tx)
	Diagnostics	Prevention	Indirect Tx	Direct Tx	
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> , carbapenem-R	YES	YES	YES	YES	
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> , carbapenem-R	YES	YES	YES	YES	
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> , carbapenem-R, 3 <sup>rd</sup> -gen ceph-R (ESBL+)	YES	YES	YES	YES	
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i> , vancomycin-R	YES	YES	YES	YES	Must also target at least one Gram-negative bacteria listed to be in scope
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , methicillin-R, vancomycin-I/R	YES	YES	YES	YES	Must also target at least one Gram-negative bacteria listed to be in scope
<i>Helicobacter pylori</i> , clarithromycin-R <sup>1</sup>	YES	YES	YES	NO	
<i>Campylobacter spp.</i> , fluoroquinolone-R <sup>1</sup>	YES	YES	YES	NO	
<i>Salmonellae spp.</i> , fluoroquinolone-R <sup>1</sup>	YES	YES	YES	YES	
<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> , 3rd-gen ceph-R, fluoroquinolone-R	YES	YES	YES	YES	
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> , penicillin-NS	YES	YES	YES	YES	Must also target at least one Gram-negative bacteria listed to be in scope
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> , ampicillin-R <sup>1</sup>	YES	YES	YES	NO	
<i>Shigella spp.</i> , fluoroquinolone-R <sup>1</sup>	YES	YES	YES	YES	
<i>Clostridium difficile</i>	YES	YES	NO	NO	
Group A Streptococcus	YES	YES	YES	NO	
Group B Streptococcus	YES	YES	YES	NO	

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Tx = therapeutic

# Who Can Apply for CARB-X Funding?

CARB-X welcomes applications from around the world



- Projects must be in scope – CARB-X and specific round
- Applicants must have a legal entity and be considered a going concern – solvent with funding in place for operations for at least 12 months
- Applicants must own or have rights to the intellectual property and reasonable expectation of freedom to operate required to carry out the project
- Applicants must be able to contribute at least 30% of the cost of the program/project
  - Applicants from larger or better-resourced companies are encouraged to propose higher amounts of cost share where feasible, as this demonstrates financial commitment to the project
- Applicants must have appropriate operations or capabilities in place to support product development, at least through proposed project phases
- Applicants from noncommercial drug development centers or academic institutions must meet additional requirements (next slide)

# CARB-X Welcomes Applications from Academic and Non-commercial Developers

Organization must be able to demonstrate R&D/business capabilities, including

- Capabilities similar to those expected of a drug development industry partner, particularly through the development stages in scope for CARB-X.
- Access to and use of relevant experts (internal and/or external) to advance projects toward clinical investigation within the framework of a major regulatory agency, e.g. FDA, EMA, PMDA
- Active management of IP supporting the project
- Well-developed strategy for advancement to human clinical with options for 'exit strategy' from organization (e.g. spin out, licensure to biotech)
- Capabilities in commercial (business) development and technology transfer (if IP is controlled by a university, is the project supported by the Technology Transfer office?)
- Financial commitment and stability to cover cost share of at least 30% of the total cost of the project

**Please note: CARB-X does not fund basic research/drug discovery including screening for novel targets**



# How Funding Decisions are Made



## Applications for funding

Received from companies  
around the world

**CARB-X**  
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**Scientific review:** Advisory board reviews applications and makes recommendations

**Governance:** Joint Oversight Committee makes funding decisions






## Selected projects

Receive funding &  
support



# What to Expect When You Apply

About 8 months from EOI to decision

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Cycle begins	Expression of Interest	Review by CARB-X	Short Form	Review by CARB-X	Long form	Final Review	Funding
CARB-X sets the scope and timing of funding cycle, and opens the application period.	Companies submit Expressions of Interest summarizing the product proposed as a candidate for support. EOIs should not include confidential information. 	CARB-X evaluates the application, and selects qualifying projects. CARB-X invites selected applicants via email to provide more detail in a confidential Short Form.	Selected companies submit confidential Short Forms. 	CARB-X evaluates the Short Form and invites selected applicants via email to provide more detail in a confidential Long Form.	Selected applicants submit Long Form and a detailed budget. 	Long Form applicants are invited to present their project proposals in person to an Advisory Board panel. Applicants undergo due diligence.	Final funding decisions made by CARB-X's JOC. Sub-award negotiations begin on project plan, milestones and budgets. Applicants must agree contractually to certain standards and conditions. Project support begins.

# Recap

## CARB-X 2018 Funding Rounds will open for Expressions of Interest

Round 1: March 22-29, 2018

Round 2: June 1-8, 2018

- CARB-X welcomes applications from around the world
  - Expressions of Interest applications must be submitted on-line at [www.carb-x.org/application](http://www.carb-x.org/application)
  - To qualify for funding and support, projects must be in scope and organizations must meet certain criteria
  - The *Powered by CARB-X* portfolio is the world's largest and most scientifically diverse portfolio of early development antibacterial products to respond to the threat of the most serious drug-resistant bacteria and we intend to continue to build the portfolio
- [More information: www.carb-x.org](http://www.carb-x.org)

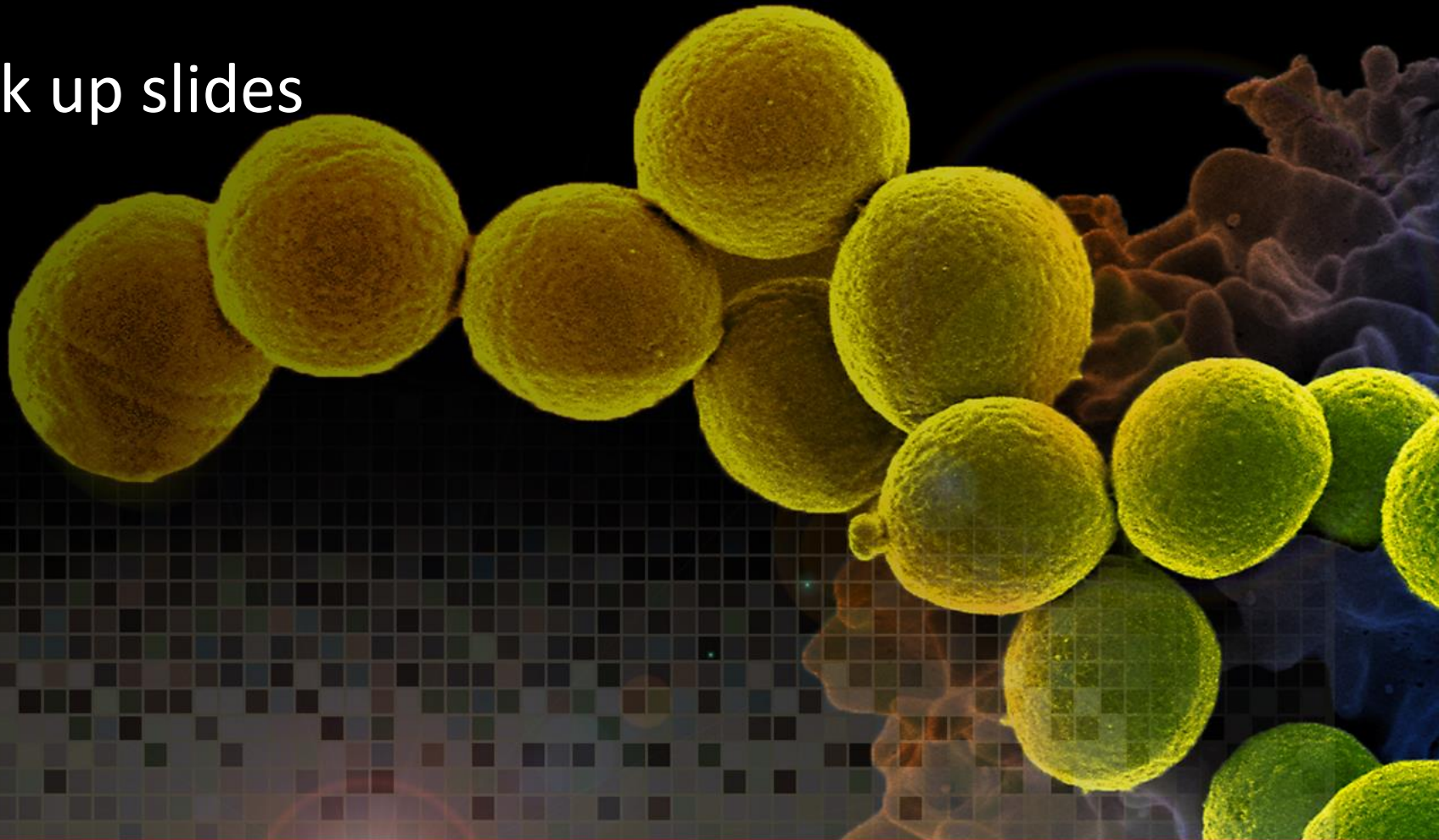
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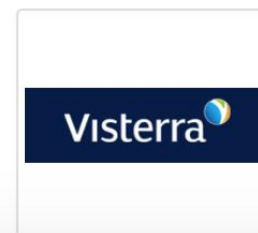
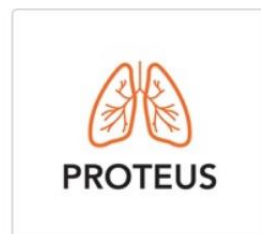


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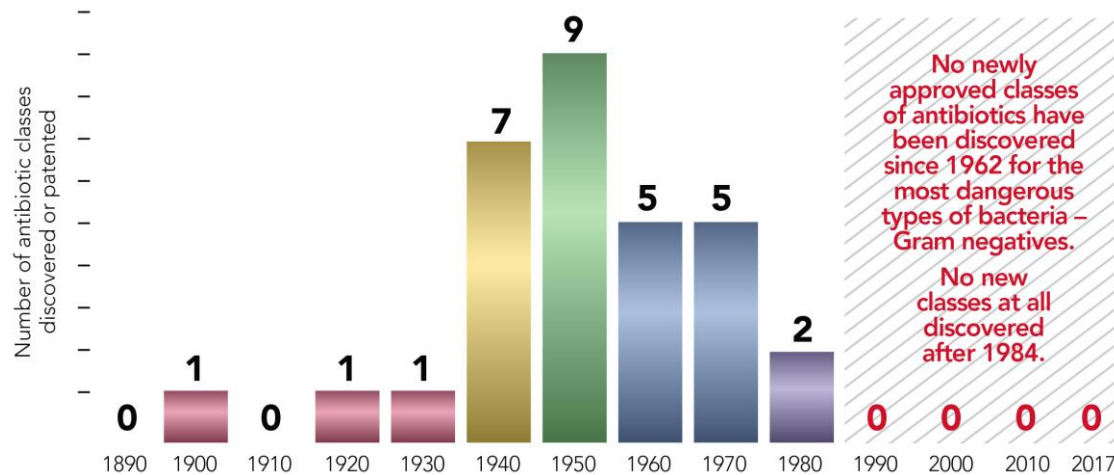
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Back up slides





# Discovery of novel antibiotics is not keeping up with emergence of new superbugs



No newly approved classes of antibiotics have been discovered since 1962 for the most dangerous types of bacteria - Gram negatives.

No new classes at all discovered after 1984.

**33**  
year gap

Nearly every antibiotic in use today is based on a discovery made more than 33 years ago. (daptomycin in 1984)

**55**  
year gap

for Gram-negatives (quinolones in 1962)

This chart excludes bedaquiline, which is the first drug in a new class to treat tuberculosis.

Source: Pew Charitable Trusts; Deak D, Powers JH, Outterson K, Kesselheim AS. Progress in the Fight Against Multidrug Bacteria?: A Review of FDA Approved Antibiotics 2010-2015. ANNALS OF INTERNAL MED. 2016 MAY 31. DOI:10.7326/M16-0291.

# Global antibiotics pipeline is precariously slim

- 48 antibiotics in the global clinical pipeline in September 2017<sup>1</sup>
- but only 12 in development to treat superbugs on the WHO critical threat pathogen list<sup>2</sup>
  - Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)
  - *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
  - *Acinetobacter baumannii*



**Only 12** antibiotics in development have the potential to treat WHO's critical threat pathogens.

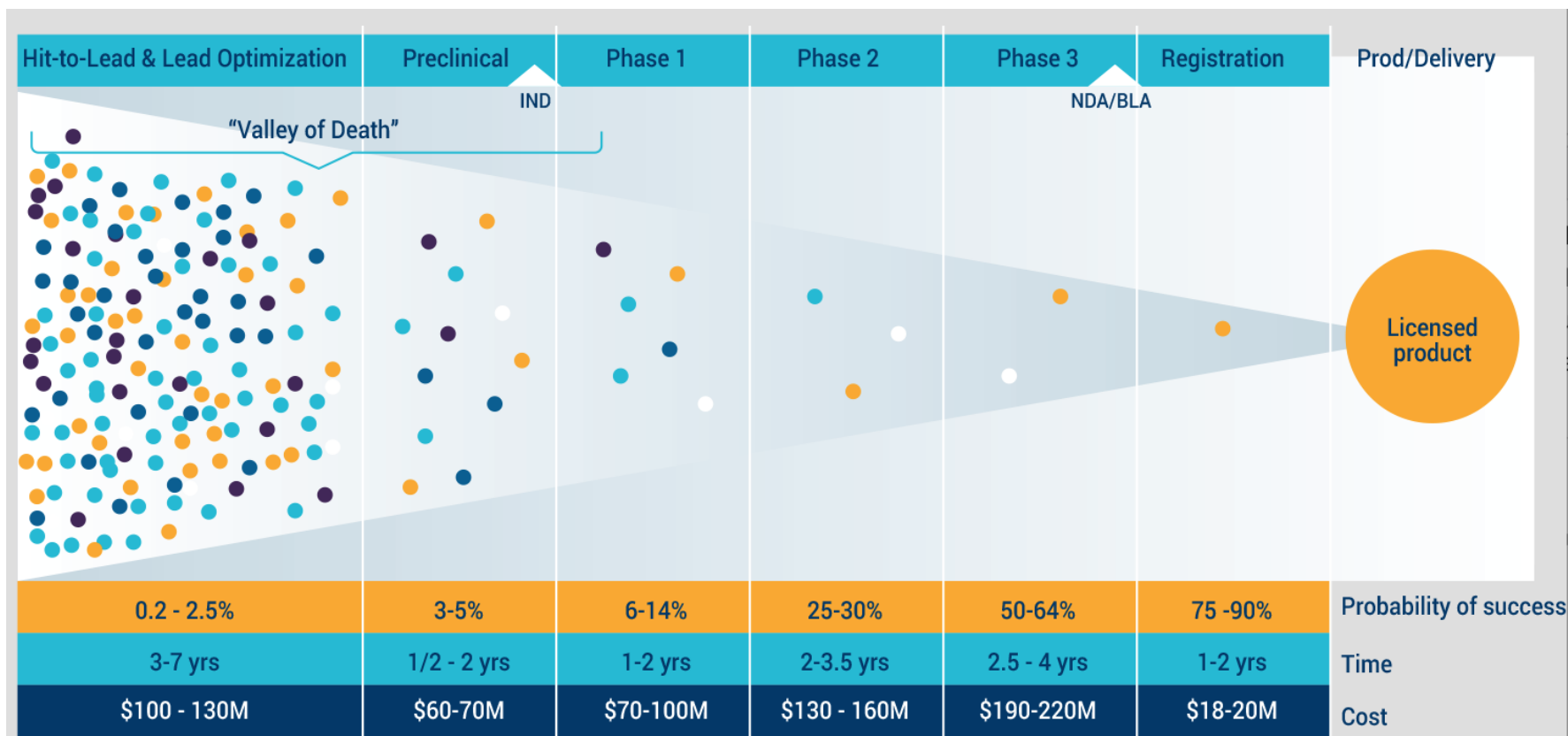


1 Pew Charitable Trusts, Dec 2017

2 World Health Organization, "Global Priority List of Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria to Guide Research, Discovery, and Development of New Antibiotics" 2017

# Lengthy, risky, and costly

It takes on average 10-12 years and hundreds of millions of dollars to deliver a new drug to market



Source: Payne DJ, Gwynn MN, Holmes DJ, Pompliano DL. Drugs for bad bugs: confronting the challenges of antibacterial discovery. Nat Rev Drug Discov. 2007;6(1):29-40; Czaplewski L, Bax R, Clokie M, Dawson M, Fairhead H, Fischetti VA, et al. Alternatives to antibiotics-a pipeline portfolio review. Lancet Infect Dis. 2016;16(2):239-51.



# Supporting great science

Outstanding experts make up CARB-X's Science Advisory Board (SAB). The SAB ensures the highest scientific standards in evaluating applications for CARB-X funding. Every member of the CARB-X SAB and JOC completes a conflicts of interest process and is excluded from participation in the review or approval of any application with which they have a conflict of interest. We thank them sincerely for their work.

More than 60  
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