

- Clinical-stage biotechnology business
- Developing novel approaches to tackling antimicrobial resistance (AMR)
- First-in-class therapies for difficult to treat, medically unmet diseases
 - Antifungal
 - Antibacterial
- Developed from clinically & commercially validated proprietary technology platforms

- Aberdeen, UK based (HQ)
- US office in Raleigh, NC
- Incorporated in 2004 (Spun out of the Rowett Research Institute(University of Aberdeen))

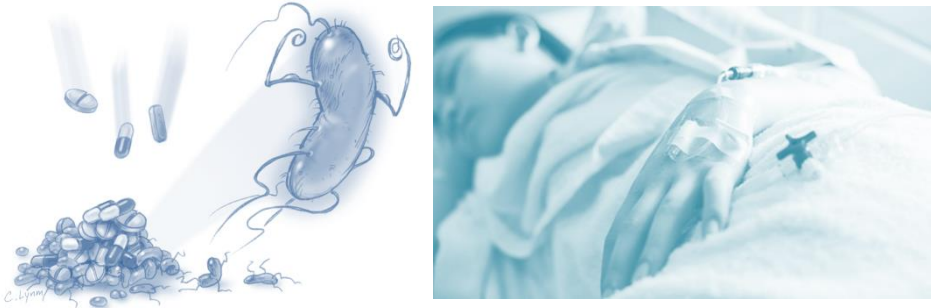
Advanced portfolio of
antimicrobial
therapeutic candidates

Clinical
Novexatin
Lynovex (oral)

Preclinical

Novamycin
Novarifyn
Luminaderm
Lynovex (inhaled)
Nylexa

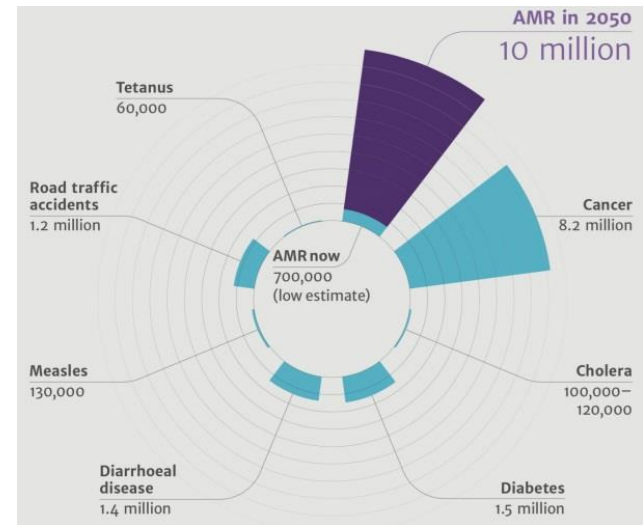
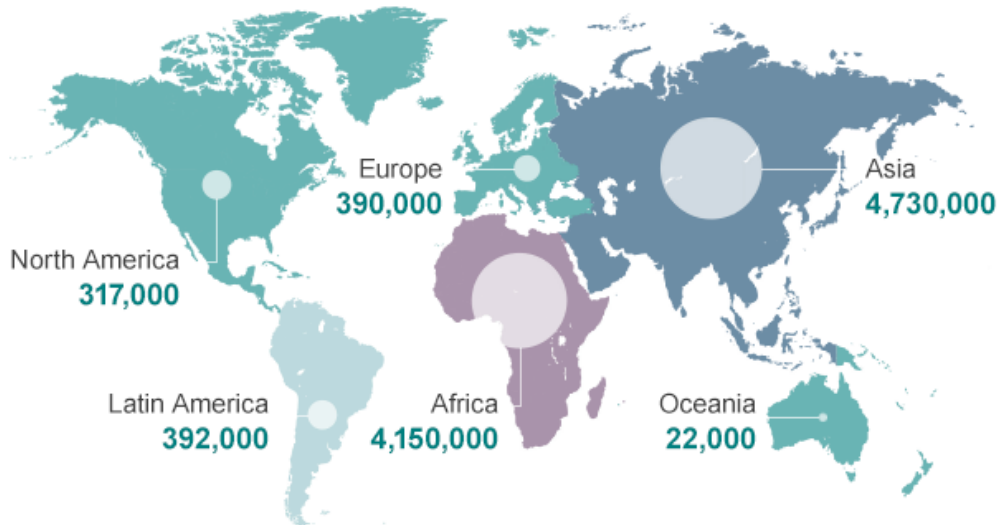
Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)



10m
deaths
by 2050

Costing
£66
trillion

Over/inappropriate use (healthcare/agri) of antibiotics (1940s ++)



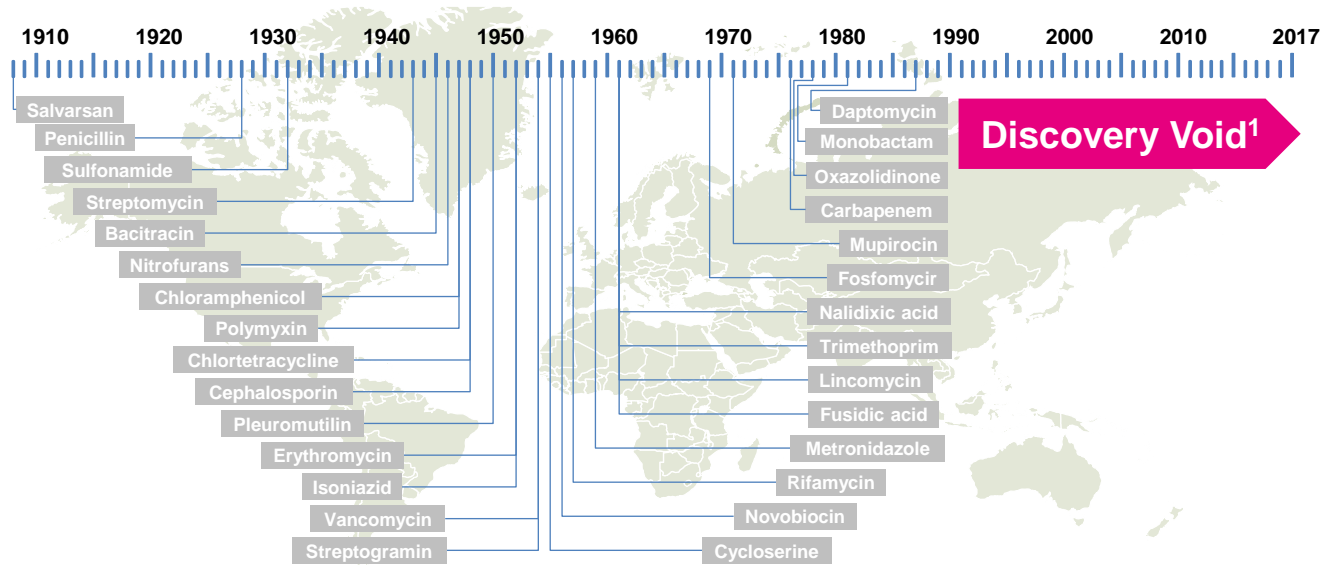
Massive Societal & Economic impact

- 700,000 deaths annually
- >5 billion days of lost productivity
- >1,000,000 ++plus carers affected

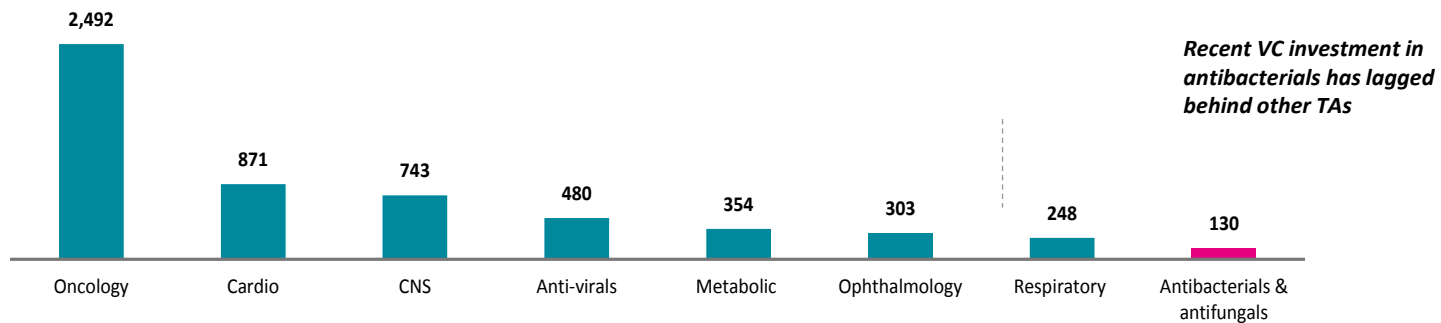
Source: Review on Antimicrobial Resistance 2014

Despite AMR crisis and a global anti-infectives market worth €80 bn: NO PIPELINE

- Pharma “Discovery void” from the late 1980s



- “Underinvestment” – as seen by VC investment by therapeutic area (\$m)²



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- Increasing burden & HIGHLY significant POTENTIAL market

Global annual spend on antibacterials:

€ 47bn

2016

NovaBiotics now one of VERY FEW companies with Phase IIb + clinical stage anti-infective assets

'opportunities'/need for game-changing new therapies in fungal as well as bacterial disease

- 'Broken' economic model
- Pull incentives
- New-old drugs (restricted)
- Drug pricing not recognising life saving potential of antimicrobials
- Need next-generation antimicrobials with novel MOAs that mitigate/avoid shortcomings of existing classes

Estimated loss in global economic output p.a. if AMR is not addressed³:

\$3.4tr

CAGR: c.3%

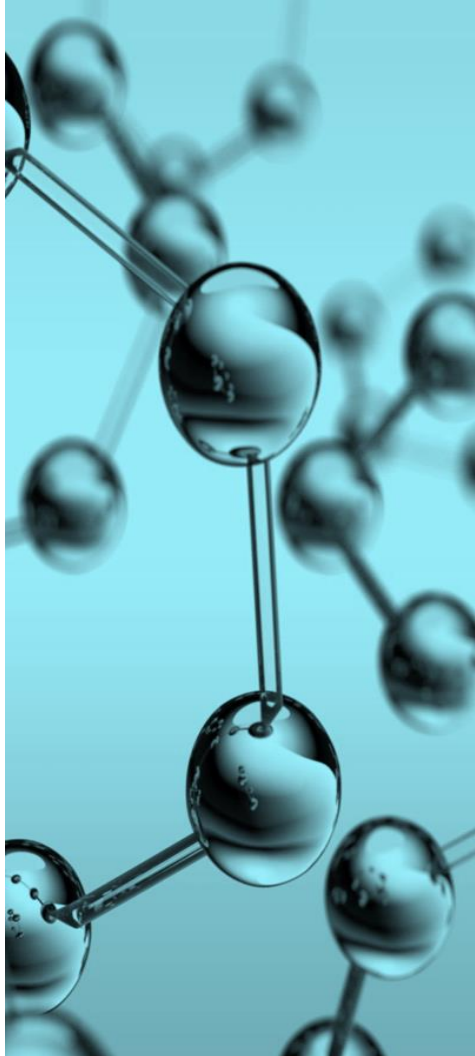
\$6.1tr

2030

2050

Targeting infection from the host's side

- With antimicrobial peptides (AMP) & aminothiols; cornerstones of first-line host defence
- AMP/host defence peptides long since mooted as a next generation of antimicrobial; “non-antibiotic anti-infectives”
- Therapeutic potential not yet realised however
 - Despite current desperate need for new antimicrobials
- Running before we could walk WRT previous forays into the therapeutic application of HDP versus AMP??
 - Naïve approach of applying endogenous AMP analogues or peptide fragments – has given AMP drugs a “bad rep”
- Endogenous AMP are not candidate drugs in their own right but are a blue print for novel druggable peptide antifungals and antibacterials
- Aminothiols and cysteamine.....



Existing approaches



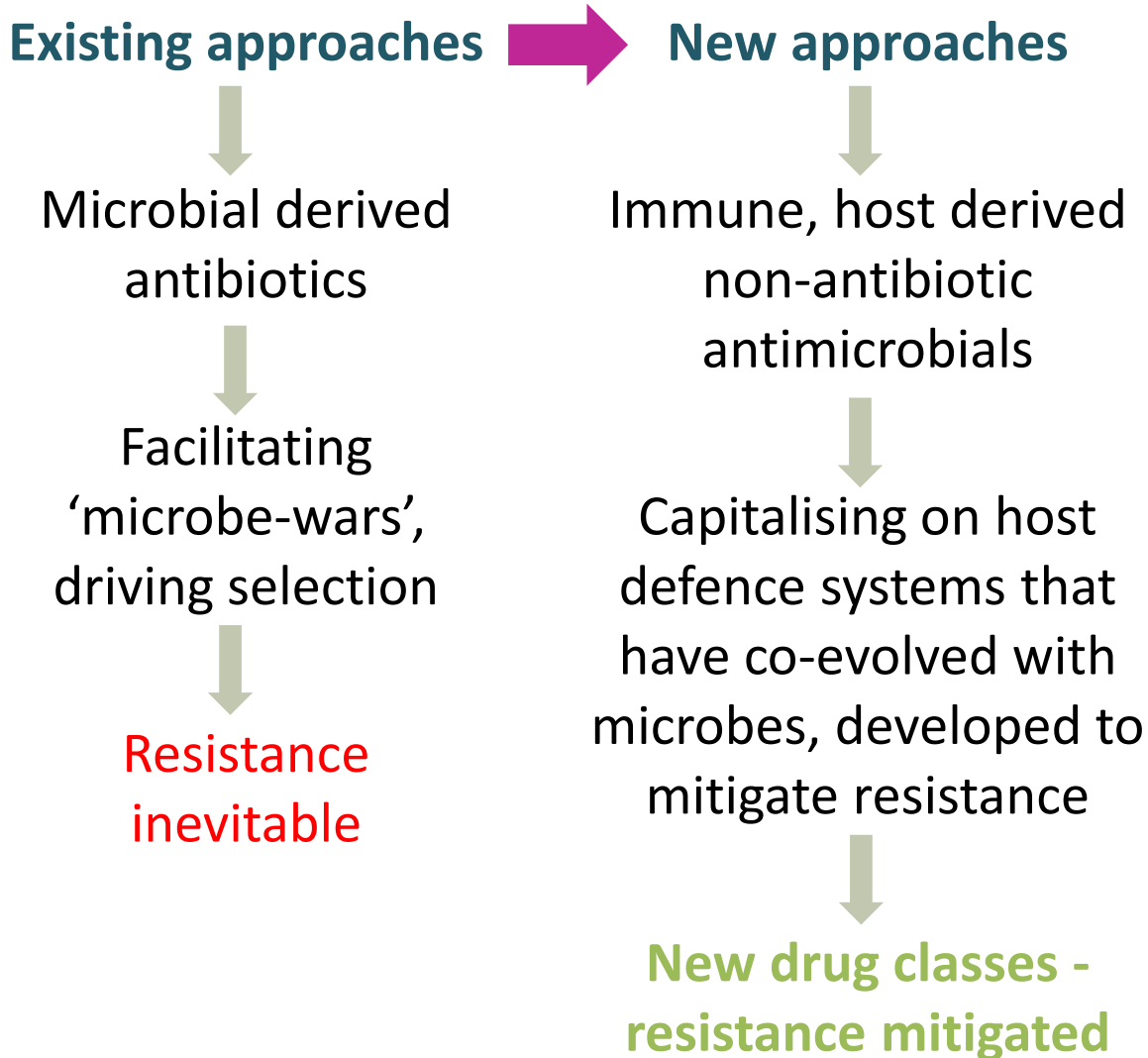
Microbial derived
antibiotics

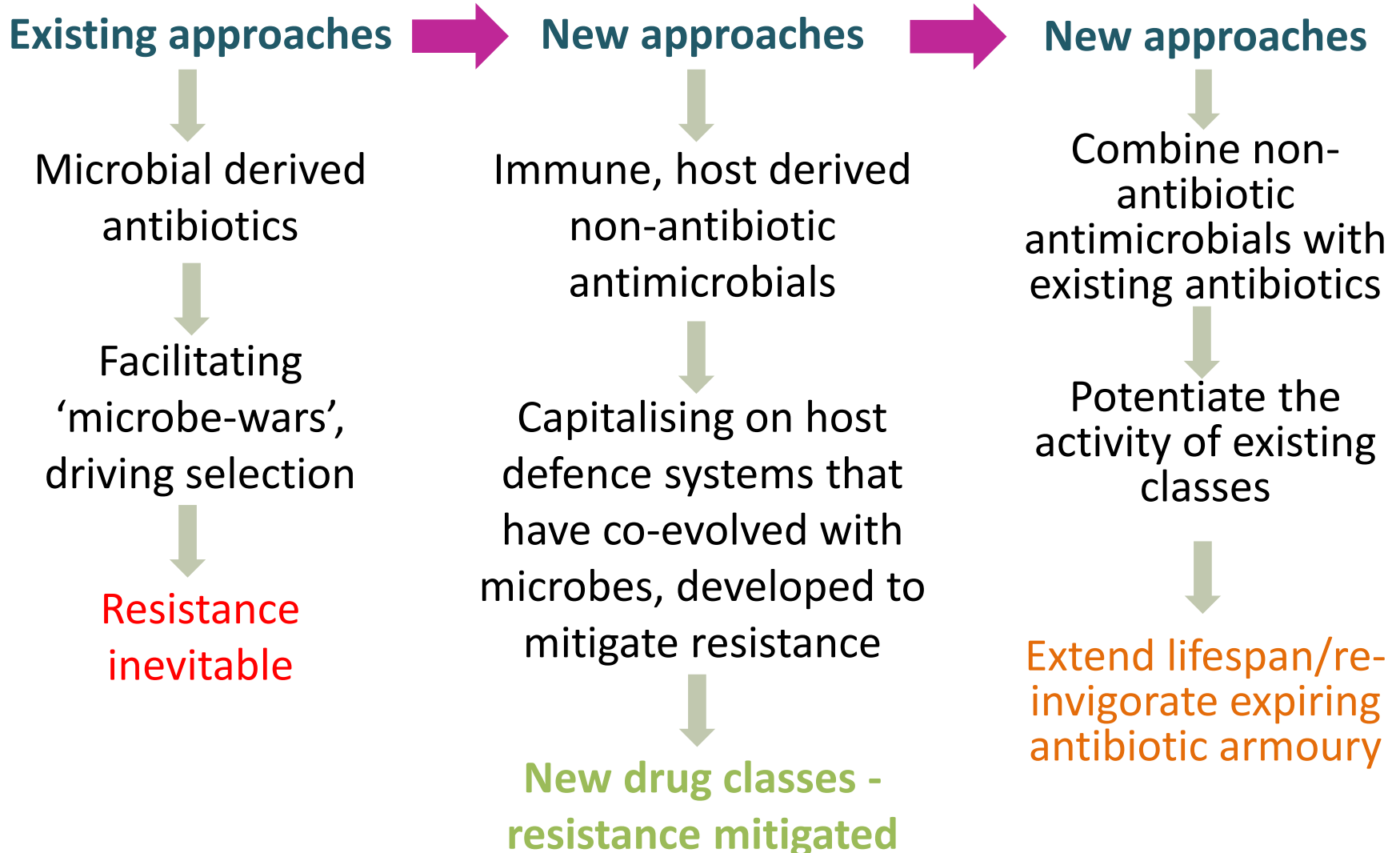


Facilitating
'microbe-wars',
driving selection



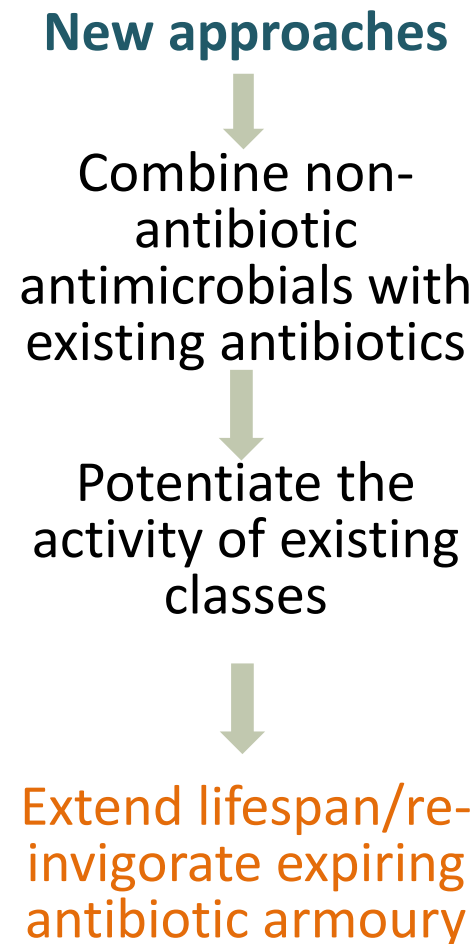
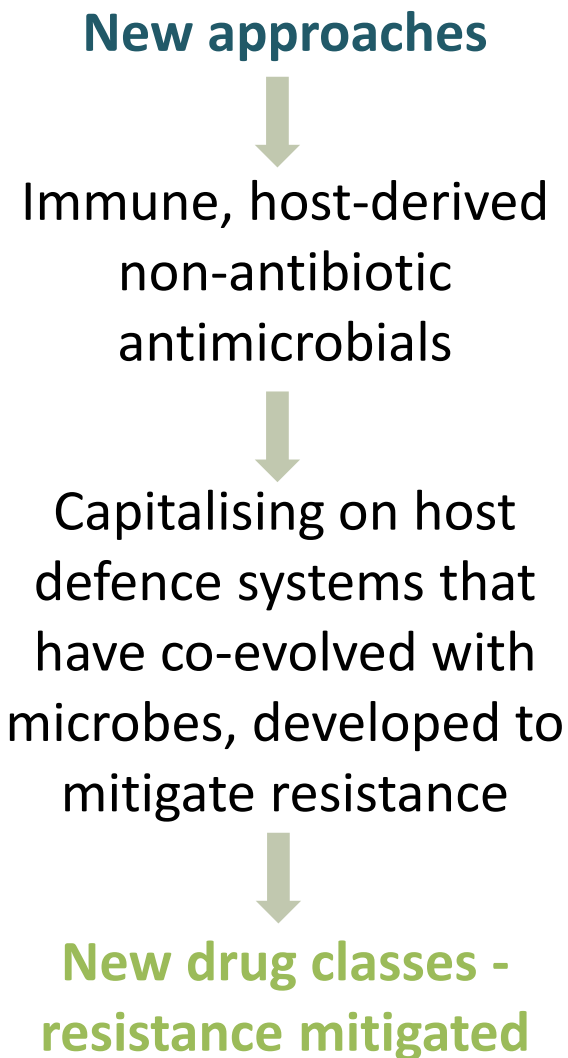
Resistance
inevitable





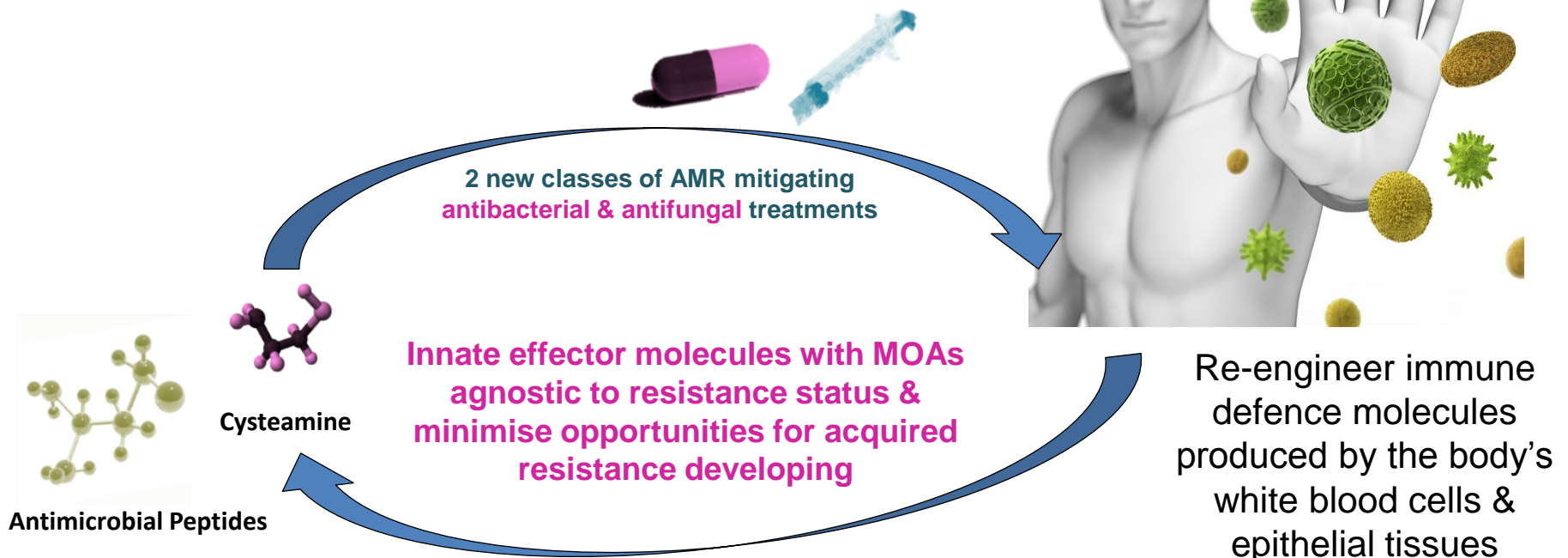


The Concept



- Alternative approach - non antibiotic antimicrobials
- Developed through rational/intelligent drug design – smart immunology
- Created by nature – NOVEL therapeutic mechanism of action:
 - **Kills targets and does so more rapidly than conventional drug classes**
 - **Works against metabolically active and inactive microbes/biofilms**
 - **Agnostic to drug resistance status of the target**
 - **Acquired resistance mitigating mechanism of action**
 - **Distinguishes host from pathogen cells; placebo-like safety**

Immunology transforming infection in same way as it has oncology & inflammation



- Two proprietary platforms
- Novel approaches to combatting AMR leveraging the innate immune system's defence mechanism

Novel peptide approach

Novel modified antimicrobial peptides (AMPs)

- Platform of novel synthetic peptide antimicrobials
- 'Druggable' molecules with enhanced functionality over endogenous forms
- Microbicidal, membrane-targeted MoA mitigates opportunities for acquired resistance
- Rapid time to kill with activity against non-metabolically active pathogens
- Active against multiple drug resistant (MDR) pathogens – agnostic with regard to existing AMR mechanisms in target pathogens
- Excellent safety profile: no off-target pharmacology
- Broad application: Gram negative and positive bacterial infections and fungal infections

Adjunct approach

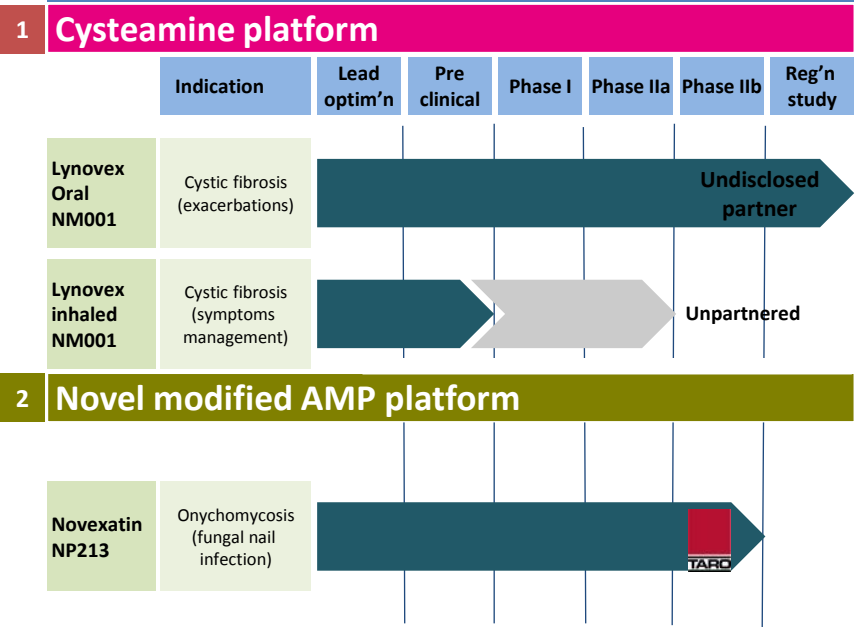
Re-activate ineffective existing antibiotics

Cysteamine + Antibiotics

- Cysteamine is a well known API used in the clinic for >25 years
 - Low-risk, repurposed molecule
- Innate immune factor – breakdown product of Co enzyme A
- Adjunct mechanism of action potentiates existing antibiotic classes
- Stand-alone characteristics include antibiotic, anti-biofilm and anti-virulence properties
- Broad application: Gram negative and positive bacterial infections; respiratory, UTI and SSSI
- Pre-registration trial stage – cystic fibrosis exacerbations

• NovaBiotics' technological platform has been validated through late stage programmes and preclinical work

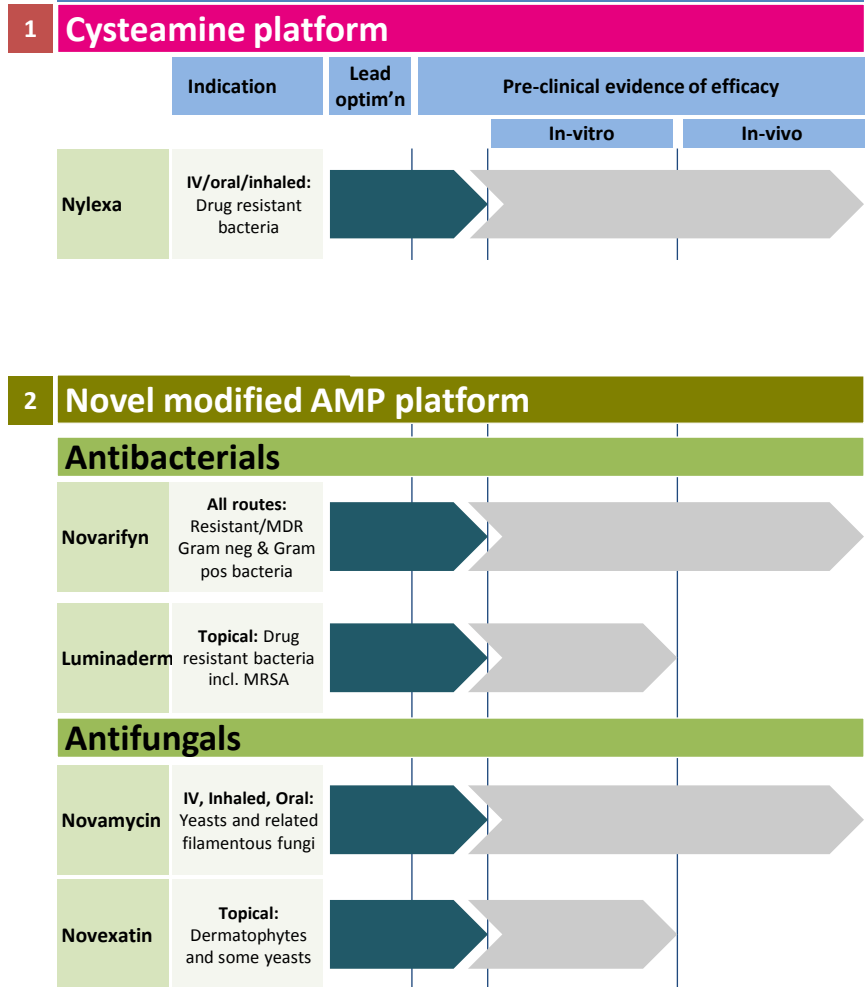
• Proof of concept late stage programmes



Advancing first-in class, non-antibiotic antimicrobials

5 molecules, 8 programmes

• AMR Platforms' candidates (un-partnered)



Lynovex	Novexatin	Luminaderm	Novarifyn	Novamycin	Nylexa
<p>Market for this life limiting disease, affecting 70,000 globally (30,000 in US, 30,000 in Europe, 10,500 in UK) is \$6 billion.</p> <p>Vertex(kalydeco and orkambi) therapies/pricing have massively impacted market value</p>	<p>Potential step change therapy for fungal nail infection (onychomycosis) which affects 12% of the worlds population.</p> <p>By 2022, the global market for this disease is forecast as being greater than \$6 billion.</p> <p>Anacor (kerydin) and Valeant (jublia) therapies 'de-genericised' a terbinafine dominated market and switched to topical for oral treatments</p>	<p>The Methicillin-Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) treatment market will rise to \$1.45 billion by 2024, according to research and consulting firm GlobalData.</p> <p>GSKs mupirocin as benchmark for nasal decolonisation market</p>	<p>The worldwide market for antibacterials is considerable at \$ 45 billion; more than 50% of the overall anti-infectives market at \$65 billion.</p> <p>Developed from the same technology platform as Novexatin so the route to clinic has already been significantly de-risked.</p>	<p>Global market for invasive fungal disease (IFD) of \$5.7 billion and burden increasing with aging population and survival rates as low as 20%</p> <p>Novamycin is derived from the same peptide technology platform as Novexatin/NP213 and so the route to clinic and market for Novamycin has already been significantly de-risked.</p> <p>Isavuconazole/cresem ba as relevant product valuation benchmark</p>	<p>One potential solution to the worsening antibiotic resistance crisis and a strategy that could be introduced into clinical practice within a much shorter timescale than any new antibiotic(s) developed from first principle.</p> <p>The estimated cost of global action to fight AMR is estimated to be \$40 billion over a 10 year period.</p>
<p>Proof of concept De-risk portfolio Generate income</p>		<p>First-in-class antibacterial and antifungal solutions Differentiated classic and novel approach to combatting AMR Leveraging the immune system's defence mechanisms</p>			

- First in class, **highly differentiated** approach to tackling cystic fibrosis
 - \$6 Bn global market
- Orphan drug designation – EU & US
- Addresses CF lung disease symptoms
 - Antimicrobial
 - Antibiotic potentiating
 - Antibiofilm
 - Mucolytic
- CFTR mutation agnostic – use alongside standard of care therapy including disease modifiers (Vertex etc)
- **Multi-functionality**, two routes of **delivery**
- Oral form for acute (Gram negative bacterial) exacerbations: Global PhIIb study (CARE CF 1) underway; data read-out Q3 2018

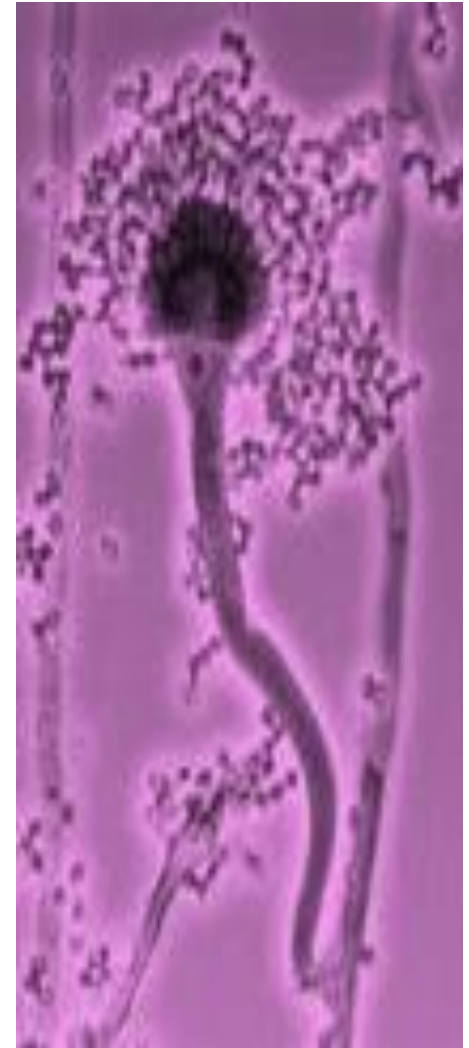


Repurposing an API with
>25 y of clinical use
history

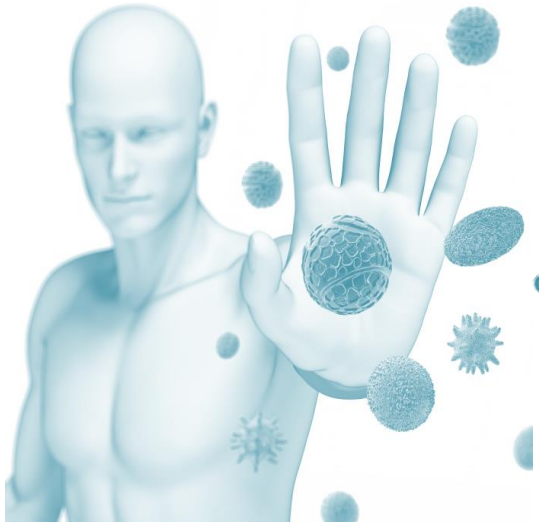
	Exacerbation specific	Mucolytic	Antibacterial	Antibiofilm	Potentiator	Modifier
Lynovex[®]	Yes (oral)	*****	**	*****	****	No
Tobramycin	No	No	*****	No	No	No
Pulmozyme	No	***	No	No	No	No
Alginate Lyase	No	*	No	No	No	No
MucoMyst/NAC	No	**	*	No	No	No
Lumacoftor/ Ivacaftor	No	No	No	No	No	*****

A superior, multi-active therapeutic option for CF with unique application in exacerbations

- Global market for invasive fungal disease (IFD) ~\$6bn
- Novamycin in development for IFD caused by *Aspergillus spp*, rare *Mucorales* moulds in the first instance, also *Candida spp*
 - Emergence of MDR fungi (*C. auris*)
- Novel, membrane lysing fungicidal mechanism of action
- Major therapeutic USPs over (limited) existing antifungal therapeutic classes include rapid cidal action & lack of any off-target pharmacology/tox
- Conclusion of IND-enabling preclinical work and entry to clinical phase 2019

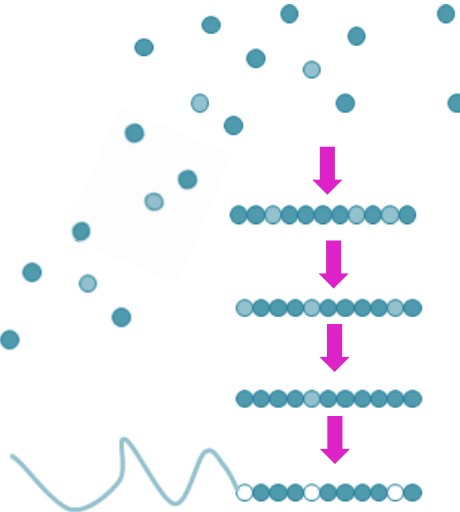


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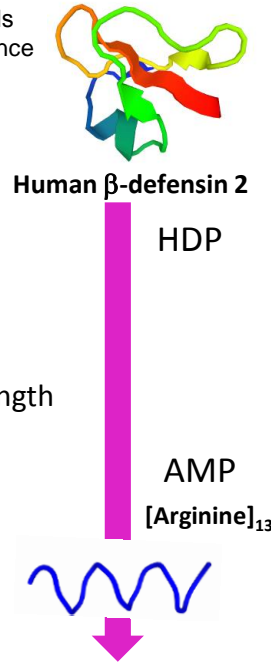
Biology-led, rational/intelligent drug design process

Re-engineering immune defence molecules produced by the body's white blood cells & epithelial tissues; host defence peptides (HDP); cornerstone of innate immune defence



HDP are not druggable!

1. Identify essential cationic antifungal components within endogenous AMP
2. Determine optimal peptide length
3. Secondary structure
4. Modifications & formulation



	Azoles	Echinocandins	AmB	Novamycin
Mechanism of action	Fungistatic	static/cidal	Fungicidal	Fungicidal
Time to kill	48 h >>MIC ₁₀₀	12 h >>MIC ₁₀₀	8 h >MIC ₁₀₀	30 min at MIC ₁₀₀
Drug target	Cell wall synthesis	Cell wall synthesis	Cell wall synthesis	Cell membrane - lysis
Resistance	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Broad spectrum coverage	No	No	??	Yes
Mode of delivery	oral, p/iv, mc	iv, mc	p/iv	Inhaled, parenteral, mc
Side effects	various, cardiotox	rare	various, renal	No
Empirical therapy/prophylaxis	??	No	No	Yes



In vitro broad spectrum activity data for Novamycin against yeasts & moulds



In vitro rapid time of kill data

Peptides active against spores & hyphae (Novexatin & Novamycin)

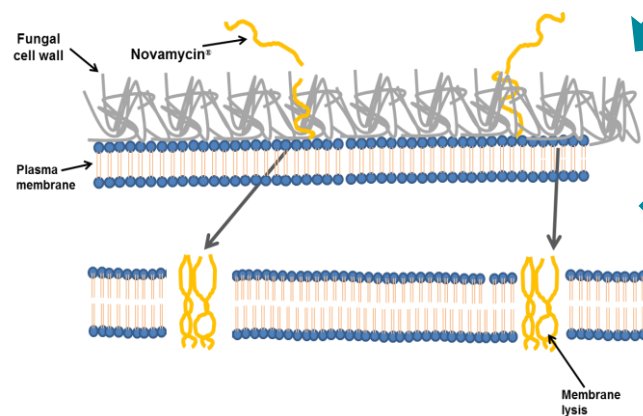
Pathogen	Antifungal	Time taken
<i>C. albicans</i>	Novamycin®	0.5 h
	Fluconazole	6 h
	Caspofungin	4 h
<i>C. auris</i>	Novamycin®	4 h
	Amphotericin B	4 h
	Fluconazole	>48 h
<i>A. fumigatus</i> germlings <i>A. fumigatus</i> spores	Caspofungin	6-24 h
	Novamycin®	2-4 h
	Novamycin®	2-4 h
	Amphotericin B	48 h
	Voriconazole	48 h
	Posaconazole	24 h
	Caspofungin	48 h

Fungal species MIC range 0.5-2 µg/ml

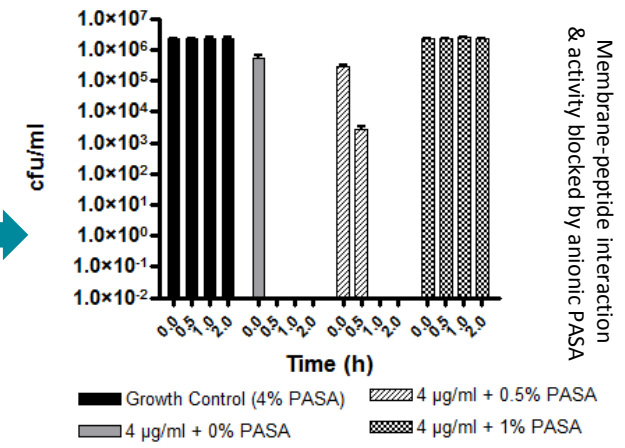
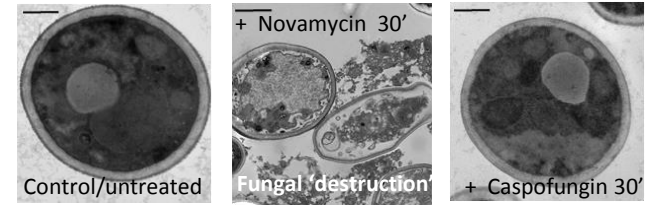
- Candida albicans* (n=50)
- Candida glabrata* (n=20)
- Candida parapsilosis* (n=20)
- Candida krusei* (n=16)
- Candida tropicalis* (n=17)
- Candida auris* (*)
- Candida dubliniensis* (n=7)
- Cryptococcus neoformans* (n=11)
- Cryptococcus gattii* (n=3)
- Aspergillus fumigatus* (n=13)
- Aspergillus niger* (n=2)
- Aspergillus terreus* (n=5)
- Aspergillus flavus* (n=3)
- Exophiala dermatitidis* (n=6)
- Scedosporium apiospermum* (n=3)
- Mucorales strains



Data confirming Novamycin's membrane-acting, fungicidal mechanism

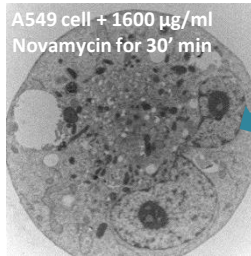
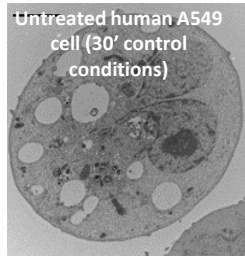


Calbicans

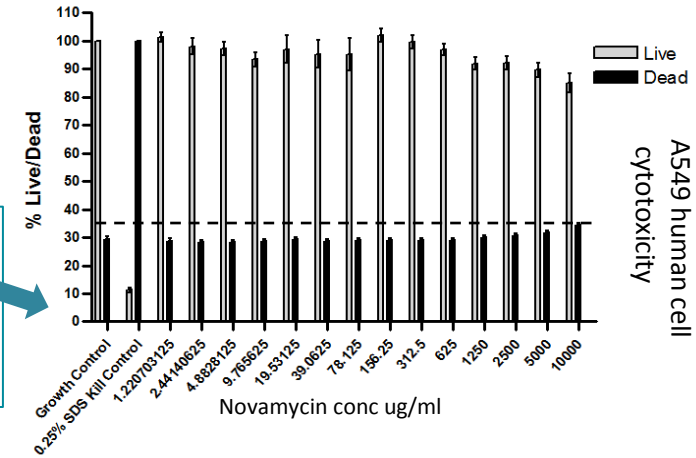




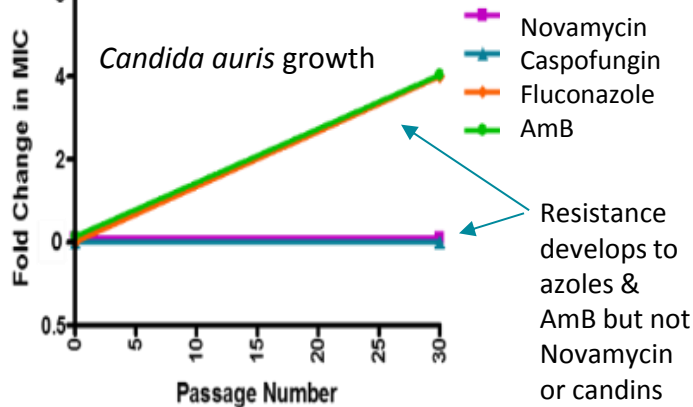
In vitro placebo-like safety profile confirmed for Novamycin – IND tox underway



- No cytotoxicity or haemolysis *in vitro* at >1,000 x MIC₁₀₀
- Maximum Tolerated Dose in rodents & dogs >100 x MIC₁₀₀

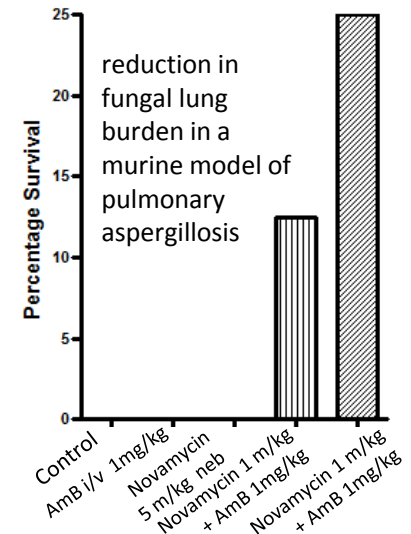
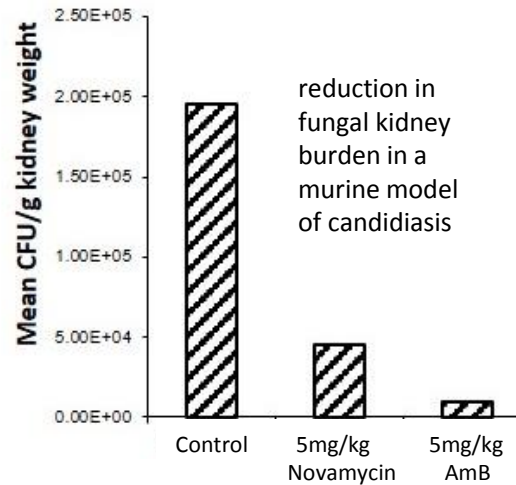


Activity against drug resistant fungi & no acquired drug resistance *in vitro*



Preliminary evidence of *in vivo* efficacy obtained

- models not optimised for AMP – API formulation > efficacy?
- Definitive pk/pd profile for Novamycin yet to be established



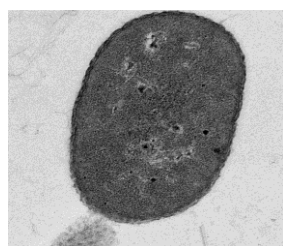


- 2kDa antibacterial peptide
 - Novarifyn ‘family – NP432 lead peptide
- R-rich peptide backbone with polar residues at specific loci
- Bactericidal & rapid time of kill (TOK)
- Potent against Gram negative & certain Gram positive organisms (> activity Gram neg)
- Agnostic WRT antibiotic sensitivity
 - Active against MDR/inherently antibiotic insensitive isolates incl. *Acenitobacter baumannii*
- Anti-biofilm activity with MBECs \geq MBC/MIC₁₀₀
- IND programme 2018-19 (use of proceeds)

Active against 'the toughest' resistant/MDR gran-negative bacteria versus existing antibiotic classes

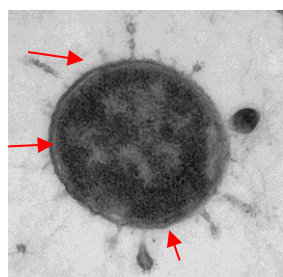
Species	Strain #	NP432 MIC (ug/ml)	Amikacin MIC (ug/ml)	Ceftazidime MIC (ug/ml)	Meropenem (MIC ug/ml)	Colistin MIC (ug/ml)	Levofloxacin MIC (ug/ml)	Aztreonam (MIC ug/ml)	Zosyn MIC (ug/ml)
<i>K. pneumoniae</i>	NDM-1	32	> 256	> 256	256	2	128	256	> 256
	KPC	8	1	64	64	0.5	0.5	> 256	> 256
<i>E. coli</i>	NDM-1 + CTX-M	16	16	> 256	64	2	16	> 256	> 256
	KPC-2 + SHV-12	16	2	> 256	64	1	16	> 256	> 256
	NDM-1	16	4	> 256	8	1	128	128	> 256
	KPC-3	4	2	> 256	32	1	8	> 256	> 256
<i>P. aeruginosa</i>	VIM-2	16	16	> 256	16	1	64	8	128
<i>A. baumannii</i>	OXA-32; TEM-1; OXA-132	16	64	> 256	64	2	8	64	256
	IMP-4	64	128	> 256	128	16	32	128	128
	OXA-66; TEM-1	32	4	256	4	16	32	256	256

Membrane acting mechanism within 15 min of exposure (by TEM)



A. Baumannii

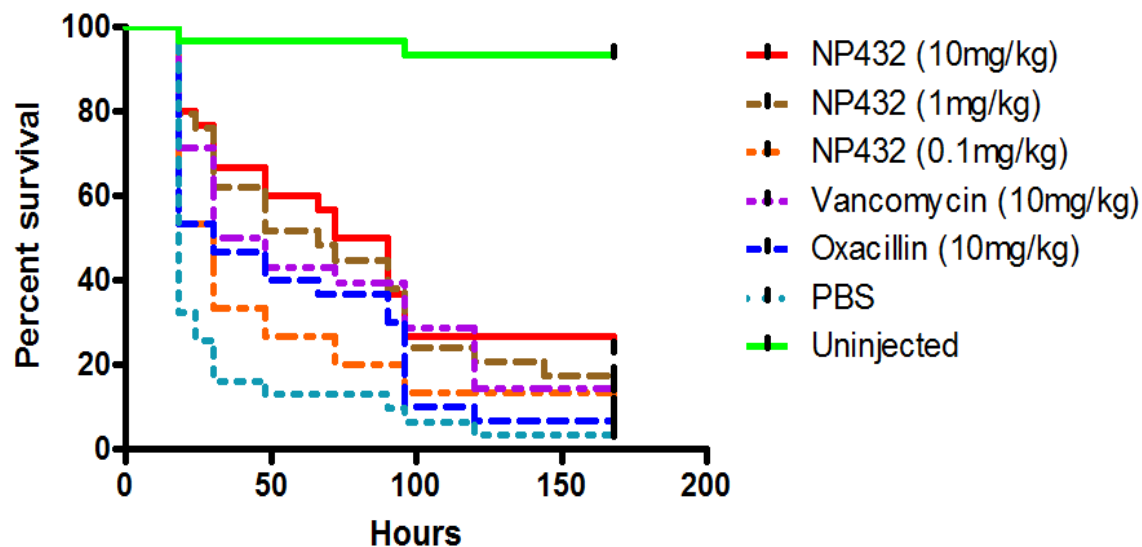
untreated



A. Baumannii

+ 0.25 MIC Novarifyn

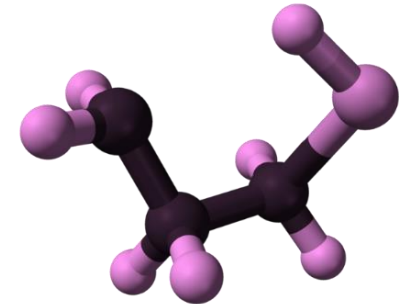
Superior to oxacillin and vancomycin *in vivo* (*G mellonella* MSSA survival model)



	Carbapenems	Polypeptides	Glycopeptides	Lipopeptide(s)	AM-Peptides Novarifyn
Mechanism	Bactericidal	Bactericidal	Static/cidal	Bactericidal	Bactericidal
Time to kill	> 6 h at MIC ₁₀₀	> 6 h at MIC ₁₀₀	> 6 h at MIC ₁₀₀	> 6 h at MIC ₁₀₀	<30 min at MIC ₁₀₀
Drug target	Cell wall	Cell wall Cell membrane	Cell wall	Cell membrane	Cell membrane
Resistance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (<i>in vitro</i>)
Coverage	Gram neg & Gram pos	Gram pos	Gram pos	Gram pos	Gram neg & Gram pos
Mode of delivery	iv	Topical, mc inhaled,(iv)	iv, oral, inhaled	iv	iv, inhaled, mc, topical
Active against.....	Metabolically active cells	Metabolically active and inert non-dividing cells	Metabolically active cells	Metabolically active and inert non-dividing cells	Metabolically active, static, SCV etc. cells
Origin	Bacterial	Bacterial Fungal	Bacterial	Bacterial	Human

Patient with altered clinical microbiology	Pre trial microbiology	Post trial microbiology
Patient 1	MRSA	MSSA
Patient 2	PR <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	S <i>P. aeruginosa</i>
Patient 3	Cip ^R <i>P. aeruginosa</i>	Cip ^S <i>P. aeruginosa</i>

Observations from the Aberdeen phase IIa Lynovex clinical trial



<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29581193>

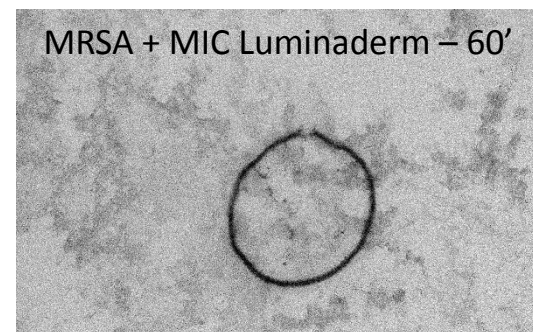
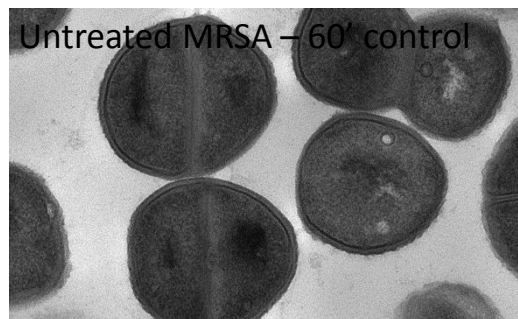


- Parenteral (IV) delivery of a resistance breaking adjunct to existing antibiotics
- ‘reactivates’ drugs to which bacteria have become resistant
 - Demonstrated *in vitro*, *in vivo* and clinically
 - *In vitro* and *in vivo* data supported by Lynovex clinical data
 - Same active component
- AMR reversed/broken in pathogens of “urgent threat”
 - Public Health agency collaborations

Impact on clinical practice to extend lifespan & utility of existing antibiotic armoury could be highly significant



- Lysine based bactericidal polymers
 - Highly potent against MRSA and MDR SA
 - Lysine polymers already established in practice as preservatives
- Topical application
 - **Nasal decolonisation**
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=novabiotics+polymer> , skin decolonisation, wound care
 - Outperforms mupirocin - MMRSA eradication
 - Active against biofilms and small colony variants
- **A non-antibiotic antimicrobial**
- Human & animal health applications





The Concept

New approaches

Immune, host derived
non-antibiotic
antimicrobials

Capitalising on host
defence systems that
have co-evolved with
microbes, developed to
mitigate resistance

**New drug classes -
resistance mitigated**

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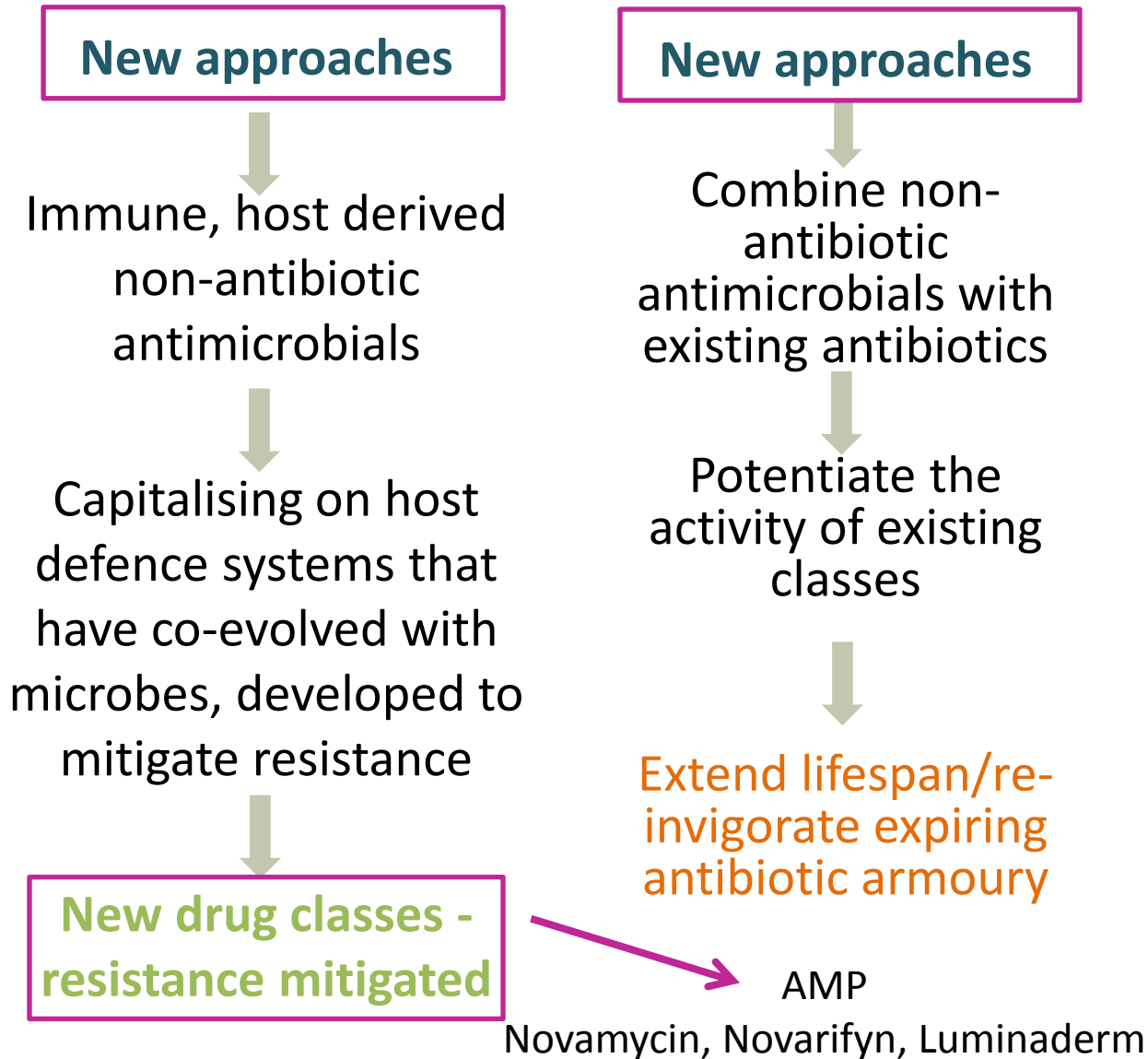
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→ Cysteamine
(Lynovex & Nylexa)

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