

**Malaria in Pregnancy Working Group  
Monthly Teleconference  
17 October 2013, 5pm CET**

**Participants:**

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Bardaji, Azucena	CRESIB - Barcelona
Ferenchick, Erin	WHO HQ
Gutman, Julie	CDC
Hill, Jenny	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine
Jones, Edna	ASH/MSH
Mangiaterra, Viviana	WHO HQ
Pacque, Michel	PATH
Pyne-Mercier, Lee	Gates Foundation
Roman, Elaine	MCHIP/Jhpiego
Youll, Susan	PMI

**Update on MiPc Meeting (Jenny Hill, Erin Ferenchick)**

- MiPc partners shared results from on-going clinical trials at MiPc Annual Meeting in Durban, South Africa on 3-5 October
- Jenny stated that the MiPc anticipates that results from IST trials will be available for MERG in 2014
- Stakeholder participation included Erin (WHO), Mary Nell (MHTF), David (BMGF), Michael Makanga (EDCTP)
- Moving forward MiPc needs to focus on research gaps
- Specifically will look at:
  - o Modelling studies to develop policy and strategy recommendations of when and where (maps) to replace IPTp-SP with alternative drugs for IPTp or alternative strategies:
    - in areas of low transmission intensity
    - in areas with high levels of SP resistance
  - o Feasibility studies of IST (efficacy trial data needed prior to doing these studies to demonstrate that IST is non-inferior to current policy of IPTp-SP; possible trial site is Kenya)
  - o Collaboration with RMNCH community essential moving forward because implementation of new drugs for IPTp or alternative strategies such as IST will be more challenging than IPTp-SP
  - o Role for MiP WG to work with partners to outline an operational research agenda
- Patrick Walker reported results of modeling work on parity-dependent immunity during MiPc meeting
  - o Noted that time when maternal blood first flows into the placenta is a high-risk period. Supports strong case for preventative interventions before or early in pregnancy.
- Final report pending. Will upload to RBM MiP WG website.

#### **Update on MIM Meeting (Jenny Hill, Azucena Bardaji)**

- 6<sup>th</sup> MIM Pan-African Malaria Conference took place 6 – 11 October in Durban, South Africa
- One of the main focus topics was elimination
- MiP a bit lost as a theme overall but MiP Consortium convened 3 MiP-specific sessions:
  - o Prevention trials, burden areas, access & economic costs

#### **Update on MiP WG Work Plan (Viviana Mangiaterra)**

- RBM Partnership hosted meeting to facilitate finalization of workplans in Geneva on 1-2 October
  - o Goal was to rethink plans in terms of RBM's strategic objectives and two-year funding cycle
  - o Peer reviewed by co-chairs
- MiP WG WP considered one of the best models
- Opportunity to meet other WG co-chairs
  - o Highlighted importance of vector control
  - o Discussed problem of SP stock-out
  - o MiP WG to partner with Advocacy WG on development of messages
- Final version has already gone to Dr. Nafo for approval, unclear when funding decision will be made
- **Action: Viviana to send final version, requests that partners finalize their financial contribution to the overall MiP work in the template**
  - o Will demonstrate strong financial engagement from partners
- Elaine recommended having MiP WG meeting during ASTMH next month
  - o **Action: Please email group if you will be attending ASTMH Meeting**
- Next Annual Meeting will be country- based, likely April-May 2014
  - o Koki recommended to potentially link with other another meeting
  - o Jenny suggested that meeting be product oriented, rather than report back on progress
    - Viviana suggested that including developing an operational research agenda and following up in action points from SRN meetings
  - o Viviana also mentioned the upcoming HWG Meeting in December to work with countries preparing concept notes for the Global Fund New Funding Mechanism. Viviana and Erin to attend.
- Azucena gave an update on the MiP Programme Effectiveness Tool
- MiP TOR updated and sent to Dr. Nafo for her approval

#### **Update on Consensus Statement (Viviana Mangiaterra)**

- Finalized and ready for dissemination
- Planning for translation into French
- Will be uploaded on RBM MiP WG website

#### **Update on MPAC Meeting Outcomes (Julie Gutman)**

- ERG Meeting report available but MPAC report not yet finalized

- **Action:** Julie to send link to ERG Report
- MiP Highlights
  - Mefloquine: good efficacy but poor tolerability
    - Not approved to replace SP
  - Data on transmission reduction: consider discontinuing IPTp-SP when malaria transmission has been very low (*falciparum* prevalence in children <15yr is <5%) for at least 3 years
  - Likely not going to make significant changes to current policy

#### **Update on SRN Meetings (Viviana Mangiaterra, Elaine Roman)**

- Real value added in including RH in SRN meetings
- Countries did very good job documenting challenges and outline priorities and demonstrated a real commitment to work together
- Next steps: responsibility of MiP WG to move from regional meeting to working at country level
- **Action:** Viviana and Erin collecting information on TA needs and will summarize in matrix to share with WG after final SRN meeting. Of note, 2014-2016 MiP WG workplan includes budget for TA.
- There will be an opportunity to follow-up and clarify needs with countries in December at HWG Meeting.
- WARN is last meeting, scheduled for early November
  - Facilitators: Viviana (WHO), Michel (PATH) and Yoland (Jhpiego)
- PMI Consensus Building Meetings
  - Viviana inquired about status of meetings and how MiP WG could support
  - **Action:** PMI to follow-up off-line over email

**Next TC: November 2013, TBD**