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# **Evotec Anti-infectives**

Screening Capabilities



# Agenda

Working with us

Screening Expertise

In Vitro and In Vivo Studies





# One platform – more efficiency, better precision, higher speed

Evotec today – 14 Sites & close to 4,000 employees





# High degree of integration creates speed and value

Key performance Indicators (EVOiR&D)





# **Comprehensive integrated research and development**

Illustrative functional capabilities along Evotec value chain (EVOiR&D)<sup>1)</sup>

Sourcing novel ideas	Target ID/ Validation	Hit- Identification	Lead Optimisation	Pre-clinical development	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Approval	Market
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### EVOiR&D

- Focused, inter-disciplinary teams
- Comprehensive "under ONE" roof offering of technologies, experience, and expertise
- Operational excellence and AI/ML-driven predictive science driving rapid progress and successful outcomes





# Evotec is confronting the renewed challenge in Infectious Diseases

Innovation and operational excellence





# Bringing together an experienced team for expert project design, execution and outcomes

World leading expertise

Florian Von Groote Bidlingmaier	Anna Upton	Pia Thommes	Francesca Bernardini	Antoine Alam	Eric Bacque	Gilbert Lassalle	Guillaume Mondésert	Mike Bodkin
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>10 years Pharma & clinical	>13 years Not-for-profit	>20 years Pharma & Biotech	>19 years Pharma & Biotech	>20 years Pharma	>20 years Pharma	>25 years Pharma	>15 years Pharma	>20 years Pharma
TASK Applied Science	TB Alliance	Euprotec, Astra Zeneca KuDOS, GSK	Arpida, Polyphor, Debiopharm,	Sanofi	Rhone-Poulenc Rorer, Sanofi	Sanofi Synthelabo	Microcide, Sanofi	Lilly



# **Screening platforms for Anti-Infectives including TB**

### HTS & MTS – BSL2 & BSL3 capabilities







- >15 years screening expertise, from assay development to hit finding & hit profiling, in the anti-infective space
- Assay development and miniaturization
- BSL2/BSL2<sup>+</sup> screening capabilities for HTS
- 1 HTS BSL2/BSL2<sup>+</sup> platform, 1 HTS BSL2 platform
- 1 MTS BSL2 platform (Agilent workstation)
- BSL3 screening capabilities for MTS/HTS
  - BSL3 facilities (~200 m<sup>2</sup>) including autoclave and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> SAS for waste handling
  - 6 BSL3-trained FTE
  - Automation equipment under safety cabinet
    - Dispenser/washer (ELX406, Biotek) for cell/reagent dispensing/washing
    - Pipetor (Cybiwell, Cybio) for compound addition
  - Multimode plate reader (PheraStar)
- Support for back screening and hit expansion
- Secondary assays for hit characterization
- Genedata Screener for data analysis,
- Dotmatics for data register
- Access to Evotec and Aptuit compound collections
- Close interaction with Sample Management for plate preparation









# **BSL3** pathogen screening capabilities

## Generic assay workflow





# **BSL2<sup>+</sup>** screening capabilities

Primary cells infected by wild-type HBV





# **EvostrAIn™: A dedicated resource for ID programs**

Evotec's collection of characterised strains and clinical isolates

### A constantly evolving resource of thousands of primary clinical isolates and reference strains

### EvostrAln™



- Broad collection of bacteria, fungi, viruses & parasites
  - ~10,000 strains from the clinic and culture collections
  - Global, recent sources with continual refreshment
  - High degree of characterisation (susceptibility profiles, mechanisms of resistance and *in vivo* drug response, genome sequences available)
  - Includes isogenic mutant strains and mutant libraries
- Used to establish spectrum of activity and potential clinical use of new antimicrobials
- Rapidly build bespoke panels
  - Guide SAR
  - MoA / MoR (target validation & identification)
  - TPP validation
  - Translational activities



# Continuous development of viral disease *in vitro* biology capability and expertise

Investment in bolstering the platform for respiratory viruses as well as for HBV and HDV



\* 229E, OC43, SARS-CoV-2 (several variants)

\*\* include protease, polymerase, neuraminidase, endonuclease, minigenome assays...

\*\*\*Schematic representation of MucilAirTM. (adapted from http://www.epithelix.com/products/mucilair)



# In vivo virology assessment

SARS-CoV-2 Hamster model

## Gold standard assays

### • Respiratory virus capabilities:

- SARS-CoV-2 Hamster Model (intranasal Infection with SARS-CoV-2)
- **RSV** infection model in cotton rat and mouse
- Coxsackie virus neonate model (surrogate model) for HRV in CD1 mice
- HBV mouse model: Immune competent animals transduced with HBV via AAV carrier
  - Viral readouts: HBs, Hbe, HBV DNA, pgRNA, cccDNA

HBV mouse model

- Host readouts: immunoprofiling, cytokines, liver enzymes

### RSV mouse model

### euthanasia Treatment from -1h to 3 dpi 1 and dissection infection Treatment off 21 Day 0 Day 4 Day: Day 10 2 3 -1 0 4 davs 1 HBs; HBs; HBVms titers weekly Infection monitoring (blood sampling) viral titter treatment ▶ terminal Injection Treatment Body Weight / Clinical sign burden ETV (in drinking water) AAV/HBV or PBS \_\_\_Viral burden Viral burden 10<sup>6</sup> RSV specific antibodies Peripheral blood HBV DNA 10\* Liver HBV DNA **Body weights** 10<sup>6</sup>munes 108-Log<sub>10</sub> [copies / g of lung] Body weight variation (%) relative to day 0 105 107-**10**<sup>5</sup> •. eadmin. Antibody Titre (1:x) ... 9 10\*-104 Q2 10-10 pfu/g tissue 105-600 10<sup>3</sup> 104 10<sup>3</sup> 108-YNO. 10<sup>2</sup> 102 7. 102 N01 10 10<sup>1</sup> 101 10<sup>0</sup> 10<sup>0</sup> 42 dpi 35 42 56 dpi 28 45 10 20 30 0 40 Nose Lung Days after infection Day post infection 5 Days post infection



# Utilising the power of genomics & transcriptomics in AMR

Translatability of in vitro models

Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) for MoA, MoR and Translation

### Antibiotic MoA / MoR / Cpd profiling (SAR)



	Applications	WGS	TnSeq	RNASeq	
Genomic sequence collection	Target ID	Х	Х	_	
	MoA	_	Х	Х	Collection of TnSeq
Search engine / GWAS	MoR	Х	Х	-	reference compound profiles
approach in development	Translation	-	Х	Х	
	SAR	-	Х	-	

### Full support from dedicated Bioinformatics team



# Deep knowledge from MoA signature to MoA phenotyping

Multiscale phenotypic approach by microscopy-cytometry-plate reader

# MoA guided screen / counterscreen / validation assay

- Fluorescent-based assay for any relevant pathway (specific reporter): e.g. permeabilisation of membranes, SOS response, RNA transcription
- Assay development on demand: e.g. Alon library (GFP transcriptional fusions)



### Hit selection and MoA profiling

- Bacterial Cytological Profiling (BCP)
- Reporter specific BCP (rsBCP)
- Qualitative or quantitative MoA profile attribution
- Family / subfamily MoA studies
- Reference panel comparison on demand



Specific MoA studies and target validation

- MoA specific reporters and assays
- Qualitative/quantitative analysis
- Compound live cell localisation
- Target live cell localisation
- Space and time resolution



- In rich/poor media or *in vivo mimetic media* In WT, tolC or any background (combination with e.g. KEIO – CRISPr)
- Developed for E. coli, on-going development with ESKAPE spectrum





# Overview of *in vivo* bacterial infection models (BSL2)

Gram-positive and Gram-negative sensitive or resistant strains (a growing list)

Model	Pathogen	Immune System (Rodent species, gender)	Number of strains validated/species
IP Sepsis	A. baumannii, E.coli, K. pneumoniae, P. aeruginosa, E. cloacae, S. aureus, S. pneumoniae, E. faecalis	Competent & Neutropenic (some <i>E. coli</i> strains)	1 to 27
IV Sepsis	A. baumannii, E. coli, P. aeruginosa, S. aureus, S. pneumoniae	Competent or Neutropenic	1 to 6
Thigh infection	A. baumannii, E.coli, K. pneumoniae, P. aeruginosa, P. mirabilis, P. stuartii, E. cloacae, C. freundii, S. aureus, S. pneumoniae, E. faecalis, E. faecium, S. pyogenes	Neutropenic (mouse or rat)	2 to 32
Lung infection	A. baumannii, K. pneumoniae, P. aeruginosa (acute or chronic), H. influenza, S. pneumoniae, S. aureus (nasal colonisation in cotton rat)	Competent or Neutropenic	2 to 26
UTI	A. baumannii, E.coli, K. pneumoniae, P. aeruginosa, P. mirabilis	Competent (mouse or rat, male or female)	1 to 9
Skin/foreign body/endo- carditis/Osteomyelitis	S. aureus, P. aeruginosa, P. acnes, S. epidermidis	Competent (mouse, rat guinea pig, rabbit)	1 to 5
Gastrointestinal infection	C. difficile, V. cholerae, S. enterica, E. coli	Competent (mouse or hamster)	1 to 4



# A range of BSL3 assays for Tuberculosis discovery

Accessing the full anti-*Mtb* profile, to better predict performance as a novel therapeutic





# A center of excellence for compound and Sample Management

Based on best practices from the storage up to the delivery driven by experts

Scalable, flexible service provider supporting small molecule and biologics compound management





# Scalable & flexible platform to meet all your sample management needs

## Four critical pillars

### Informatics / Data Management

- Web based access built on industry standard technologies (Oracle and Java)
- Industry leading Sample Management software: Mosaic Titian
- Flexible data and reporting capabilities; end-to-end tracking

## **Quality Control**

- High throughput capabilities
- Purity and Identity confirmation (LC/MS)
- Concentration determination (LC/MS)
- Solubility analysis

### **Plating & Vial Processing**

- Nano liter to 1,000µL transfer volumes
- High throughput dissolution and replication
- DMSO & DCE:MeOH or ACN/MeOH transfers
- Manual neat sample transfers; 150 to 200 transfers / day / technician

### **Storage and Handling**

- Modular and scalable; automated storage capacity of 11 million samples, e.g. Brooks, TTP
- Vials, microtubes, microplates and oversize containers
- Advanced automation capable of more than 48,000 picks per day

### Sample & Data Integrity



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