

The Bacterial Vaccines Network

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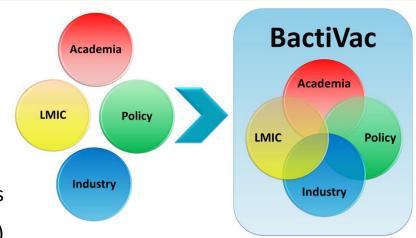
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BactiVac: mission to help reduce bacterial infections and AMR through vaccine development

Accelerating the development of vaccines against bacterial infections relevant to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)

- >2350 members, 90+ countries
- 52% LMICs / Global South, 15% industry
- We provide Catalyst grants to de-risk projects
- Attract investment funding for LMICs / Global South
- Advocacy for developing and using bacterial vaccines
- Human and animal bacterial pathogens (One Health)
- Engagement & interaction with industry and others
- Bacterial pathogen agnostic, key is vaccine development / implementation down the pipeline

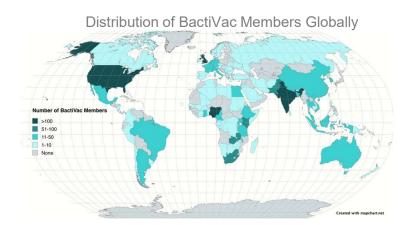






BactiVac: Where are we now

- Grown to over 2350 members since 2017
- Members from 92 different countries
- 52% based in LMICs, 15% industry



Number of projects funded	98
Total funding awarded	£4,963,975
Funding leveraged to support project delivery	£5,432,698 + 109%
Total follow-on funding leveraged by projects (49 awards from 28 projects)	£25,826,170 + 520%





BactiVac: What makes us different?

- Only bacterial vaccine focused network
- Major focus on LMICs / Global South
- Provide catalyst funding (approx. £70k) to derisk and grow projects
- Projects need to have at least two partners
- Provide catalyst training awards to address bottlenecks
- Provide training to upskill groups enhance capacity, remove barriers
- Funding typically has ODA requirement different sources, flexibility
- Support capacity building through travel bursaries for BactiVac events





BactiVac: What mindset do we apply?

- Bacterial vaccines (not TB) and people (training) are our focus
- We are region agnostic fund all global health areas
- Consider and fund One Health
- Pushing vaccines down pipeline key determinant
- Derisk and grow projects uplift to LMIC / Global South projects





BactiVac: funding criteria & other considerations

- ODA compliance, LMIC / Global South-led projects
- Clarity of concept
- IP considerations
- How project will catalyse vaccine development / implementation
- Deliverability / realistic defined outcomes?
- How strong is the collaboration, new partnerships?
- Plan for follow-on funding pathway to progress
- Career development
- Organisation contributions financial (other) governance, applicant support





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