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"TUBERCULOSIS, EL PRINCIPIO DEL FIN"



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COVID-19



2020 ≈ 1,8 M Deaths ≈ 100 M Cases

The Leading Infectious Killers Globally in 2020 Average number of deaths per day

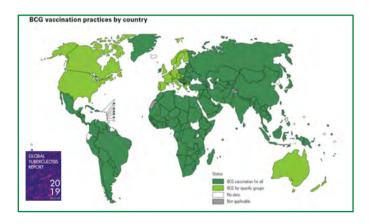


As of December 31* 2020 for COVID-19. For other diseases values are estimates using most recent data from WHO and recent trends in mortality.

TUBERCULOSIS



BCG COVERAGE ≥90%



2020 ≈ **1,4** M Deaths

≈ 10 M TB cases

≈ 100 M TB Infected

(Estimated that an average of 5 M deaths per year in the last 200 years) Paulson Nature 2013

BCG PROVIDES VARIABLE PROTECTION AGAINST RESPIRATORY FORMS OF TB

(Needs for impovement: Protection pulmonary forms of TB long term Protection in adolescents

Intradermal administration at birth



BCG 0.05 ml 20 doses



Scar after vaccination



European textbook of pediatric vaccines and vaccination. Springer 2017 TBvaccines and vaccination F. Martinon & C Martin

BENEFICIAL EFFECTS OF BCG VACCINATION:

- 1. BCG provides **STRONG PROTECTION AGAINST DISSEMINATED FORMS OF TB** (meningitis, miliary TB). Is estimated that BCG saves 70.000 death per year.
- 2. BCG vaccination **REDUCES ALL-CAUSE MORTALITY** not related to Mtb and adding reduction in respiratory infections and sepsis also unrelated through **beneficial effects:** "Off-target", "Non-specific", "Heterologous" on the immune system.

CAN THE INNATE IMMUNE SYSTEM LEARN?

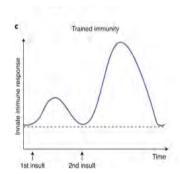
Review



A small jab – a big effect: nonspecific immunomodulation by vaccines

Christine S. Benn¹, Mihai G. Netea², Liisa K. Selin³, and Peter Aaby⁴

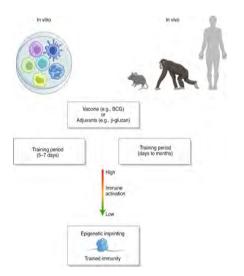
Trends in Immunology, 2013, Vol. 34, No. 9



Behavior of innate immune responses during adaptive programs induced in innate immune cells.

The Non-Specific Effects of Vaccines have been studied in randomized controlled clinical trials:

- Vaccine scarring has been associated with reductions of more than 40% in overall mortality among adults.
- The **measles vaccine** is associated with more survival benefits than expected.
- BCG at birth nearly halves neonatal mortality.

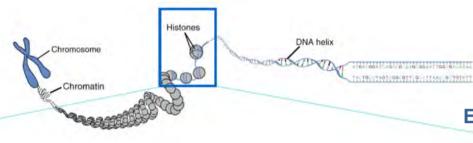


The models used to study the adaptive programs in innate immunity, including trained immunity

Divangahi et al Trained immunity, tolerance, priming and differentiation: distinct immunological processes. Nat Immunol 2021, 22, 2-6.

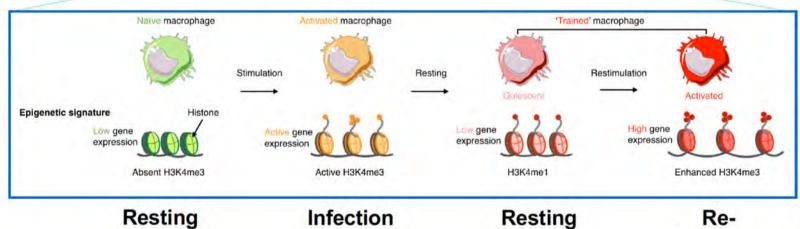


BCG Trained Immunity: Innate Immune Memory



MIHAI NETEA

EPIGENETIC MODIFICATION



TRI-METHYLATION AT THE 4TH LYSINE RESIDUE OF THE HISTONE H3



Infection



Resting



Reinfection



- IL-1β
- IL-6
- TNFα

PROSPECTIVE STUDIES OF NON SPECIFIC EFFECT OF BCG:

ADULTS ADOLESCENTS UPPER RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTIONS:

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

NEJM 2018

Prevention of M. tuberculosis Infection with H4:IC31 Vaccine or BCG Revaccination

E. Nemes, H. Geldenhuys, V. Rozot, K.T. Rutkowski, F. Ratangee, N. Bilek, S. Mabwe, L. Makhethe, M. Erasmus, A. Toefy, H. Mulenga, W.A. Hanekom, S.G. Self, L.-G. Bekker, R. Ryall, * S. Gurunathan, C.A. Diaz Granados, P. Andersen, I. Kromann, T. Evans, R.D. Ellis, B. Landry, D.A. Hokey, R. Hopkins, A.M. Ginsberg, T.J. Scriba, and M. Hatherill, for the C-040-404 Study Team†

- NON SPECIFIC FEFECT OF LIVE ATTENUATED VACCINE BCG
- RATE OF UPPER RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTIONS WAS: LOWER IN THE BCG REVACCINATED GROUP (2.1%) P<0.001

9.4% in subunit vaccine H4:IC31 group or 7.9% in Placebo group

NEONATES ON ALL-CAUSE INFECTIOUS DISEASE MORBIDITY

Articles

Lancet Resp Dis 2021

BCG-induced non-specific effects on heterologous infectious () • () disease in Ugandan neonates: an investigator-blind randomised controlled trial



Sarah Prentice, Beatrice Nassanga, Ernity L. Webb, Florence Akello, Fred Kiwudhu; Hellen Akurut, Alison M Elliott, Rob'J W Arts, Milian G Netea.

Hazel M Dockrell, Stephen Case, for The Delayed BCG Study Team!

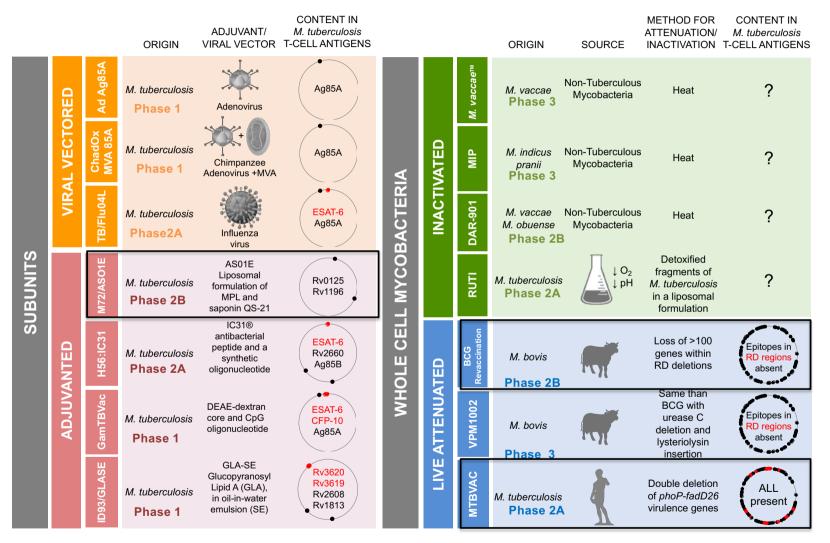
Background Trials done in infants with low birthweight in west Africa suggest that BCG vaccination reduces all-cause Longit Inject Dis 2021. mortality in the neonatal period, probably because of heterologous protection against non-tuberculous infections. This study investigated whether BCG alters all-cause infectious disease morbidity in healthy infants in a different high-mortality setting, and explored whether the changes are mediated via trained innate immunity.

https://doi.org/10.1016/ \$1473-3099(20)30643-8 BCG HAD A PROTECTIVE EFFECT AGAINST. NON-TUBERCULOUS INFECTIONS IN INFANTS WITH A BIRTH WEIGHT OF 2.500 grames or less

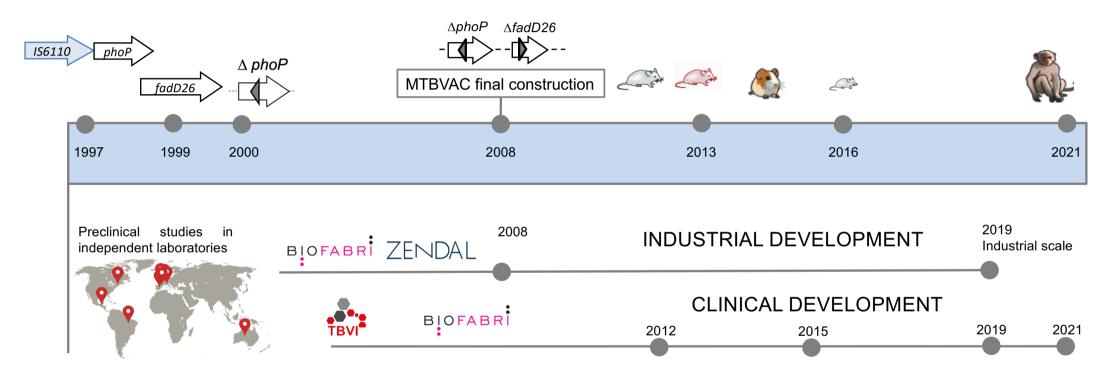
	Before delayed BCG (age 0-6 weeks)*				After delayed BCG (age 6-10 weeks)†				Total follow-up period			
	Frequency in BCG at birth group	Frequency in BCG at 6 weeks group	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	p value	Frequency in BCG at birth group	Frequency in BCG at 6 weeks group	Hazard ratio	p value	Frequency in BCG at birth group	Frequency in BCG at 6 weeks group	Hazard ratio	p value
Infectious presentati	ons											
Total	98	129	0-71 (0-53-0-95)	0.023	88	76	1·10 (0·87-1·40)	0.43	186	205	0-91 (0-76-1-10)	0.33
Male	42	62	0-57 (0-36-0-89)	0.013	41	33	1-11 (0-78-1-59)	0.56	83	95	0-84 (0-63-1-11)	0.22
Female	56	67	0.87 (0.59-1.27)	0.47	47	43	1-11 (0-81-1-52)	0.53	103	110	0.99 (0.78-1.25)	0-93
pbetween BCG and sex	36			0-16		100		0.99	199		9	0-37
Birthweight >2500 g	97	115	0-79 (0-59-1-07)	0.12	88	72	1·16 (0·9-1·48)	0-22	185	187	0.99 (0.82-1.19)	0-89
Birthweight ≤2500 g	1	14	0·10 (0·01-0·75)	0.026	0	4	1-31* (5-64*-3-03*)	<0.0001	1	18	0-07 (0-01-0-45)	0.0061
pbetween BCG and birthweight	3	-	-	0.044			0	<0.0001				0-004

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DIVERSITY OF THE PIPE LINE OF TB VACCINE CANDIDATES IN CLINICAL TRIALS

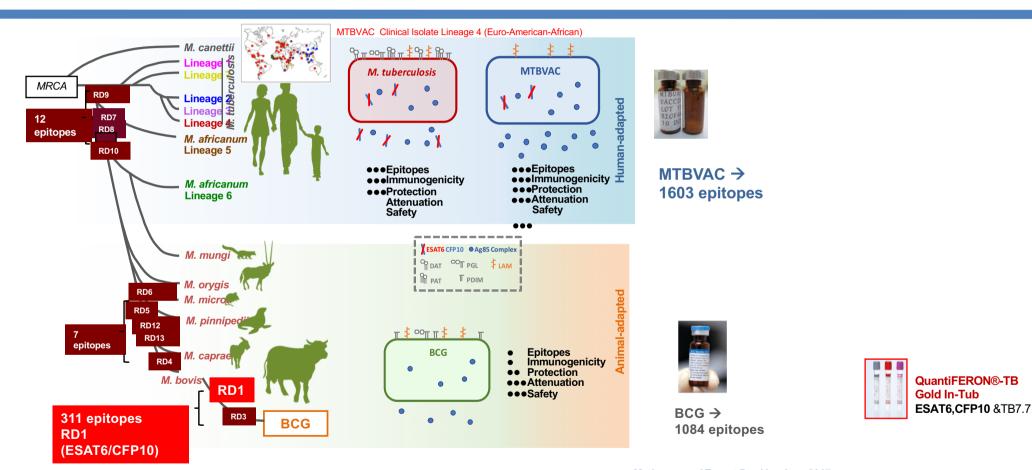


MTBVAC: PRECLINICAL DEVELOPMENT AND VACCINE CHARACTERIZATION





BCG *Mycobacterium bovis* isolated from cows attenuation RD1 deletion MTBVAC, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* isolated from a human clinical isolate. MTBVAC, 519 MORE EPITOPES THAN BCG WHICH REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 48%



BIGGEST DIFFERENCE MTBVAC CONTAINS RD1

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Marinova et al Expert Rev Vaccines 2017

Gonzalo-Asensio et al Frontiers Immunology 2017

Phase 1b

SAFETY AND IMMUNOGENICITY IN NEWBORNS

DOSE-ESCALATION SAFETY AND IMMUNOGENICITY STUDY TO COMPARE MTBVAC TO BCG IN NEWBORNS WITH A SAFETY ARM IN ADULTS



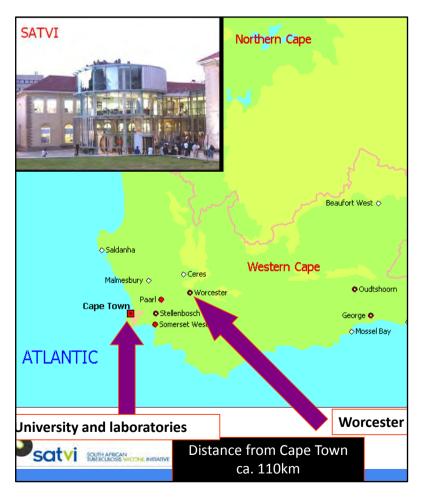


Michele Tameris

ClinicalTrials.gov NCT02729571











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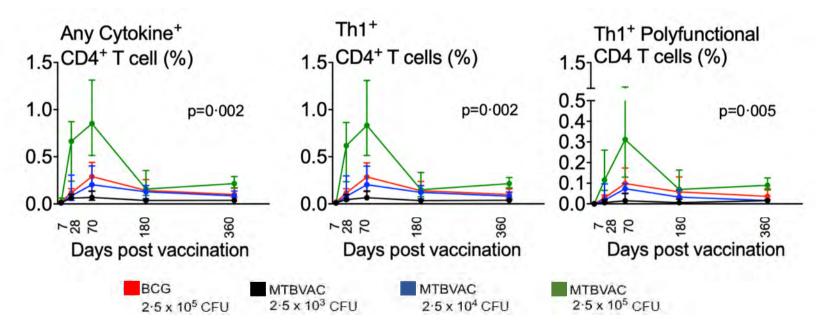




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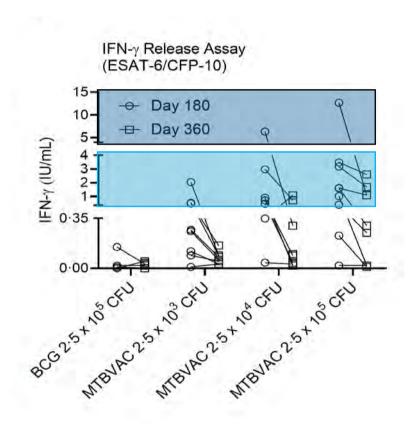
KINETICS OF TOTAL CD4 +T-CELL RESPONSES INDUCED BY VACCINATION

Longitudinal kinetics of antigen-specific CD4 T cells expressing the indicated cytokine responses in participants after vaccination and measured by whole blood intracellular cytokine staining assay.



CD4 T cells indicate a significant difference between the groups: Any Cytokine +, Th1+, Th1 + polyfunctional

ANTIGEN SPECIFIC T CELL RESPONSES: IGRA QFT





QuantiFERON®-TB Gold In-Tub ESAT6,CFP10 &TB7.7

DOSE RELATED QFT CONVERSION MTBVAC Up to 0.35 IU per millilitre at day 180:

0 of 8 BCG (0%) 3 of 8 low-dose (10³) (37·5%), 6 of 8 medium-dose (10⁴) (75·0%) 7 of 9 high-dose (10⁵) (77·8%)

Day 180 and day 360 interferon-γ values, as measured by QuantiFERON-TB-Gold assay, in each trial group, each line represents data for one participant. The pink shaded area represents the manufacturer's threshold for test positivity (0.35 IU per millilitre).

Lancet Respir Med 2019

Published Online August 12, 2019 http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/ 52213-2600(19)30251-6



Tameris et al Lancet Respir Med 2019

Live-attenuated Mycobacterium tuberculosis vaccine MTBVAC (W versus BCG in adults and neonates: a randomised controlled, double-blind dose-escalation trial







Michele Tameris*, Helen Mearns*, Adam Penn-Nicholson, Yolande Gregg, Nicole Bilek, Simbarashe Mabwe, Hennie Geldenhuys, Justin Shenje, Angelique Kany Kany Luabeya, Ingrid Murillo, Juana Doce, Nacho Aquilo, Dessislava Marinova, Eugenia Puentes, Esteban Rodríquez, Jesús Gonzalo-Asensio, Bernard Fritzell, Jelle Thole, Carlos Martin, Thomas J Scribat, Mark Hatherillt, and the MTBVAC Clinical Trial Team

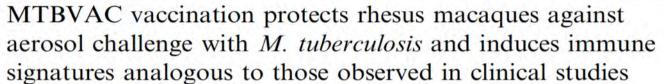
- A clear dose-dependent increase in MTBVAC immunogenicity was observed.
- The highest MTBVAC dose of 2.5 x 10⁵ CFU induced a response of greater magnitude than the same dose of BCG.
- The induced CD4 T cell immune response was predominantly polyfunctional and comprised a range of different IFN- γ , TNF- α and/or IL-2-expressing subsets higest than in BCG vaccinated.

DATA SUPPORT ADVANCED CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT OF MTBVAC

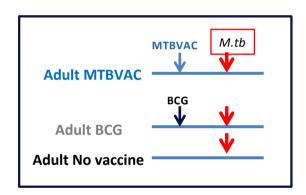
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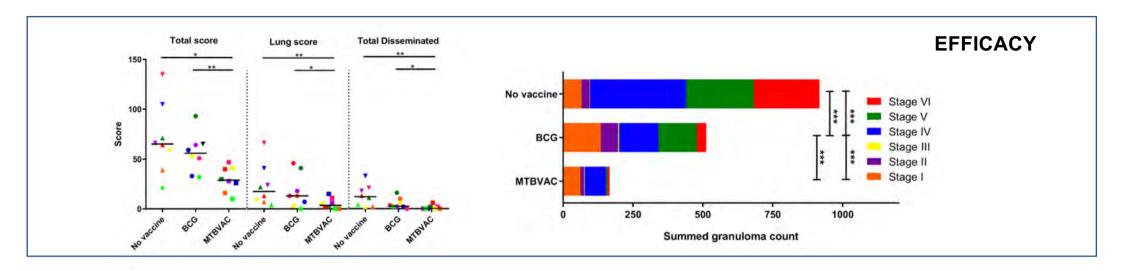


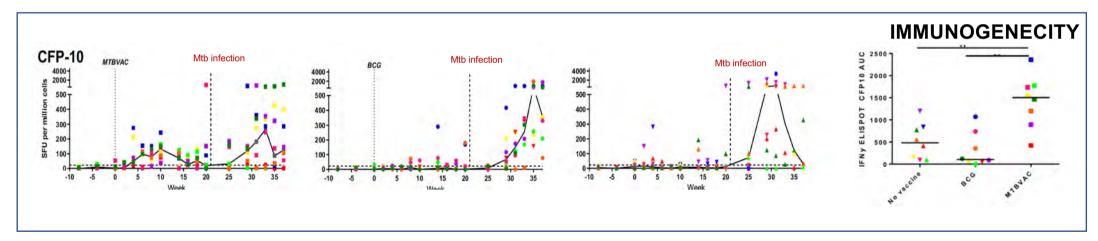
White et al npj Vaccines 4 January (2021) 6:4; https://doi.org/10.1038/s41541-020-00262-8



Objectives:

- To study the protective efficacy conferred by a single intradermal vaccine with MTBVAC or BCG against exposure to low doses of aerosol with *M. tuberculosis* in rhesus macaques.
- Characterize the immune response induced after vaccination and compare the immune responses in macaques with the responses in humans immunized with BCG and MTBVAC.





Concordance between immune profiles measured in clinical trials and a preclinical study of macaques demonstrating a significantly improved outcome after exposure to *M. tuberculosis* as evidence to support the continued development of MTBVAC as an effective prophylactic vaccine for vaccination against TB.

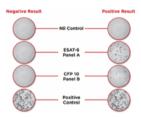


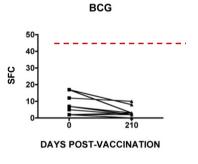
Phase1a Adults (NCT02013245) Elispot ESAT6/CFP10 (CHUV)

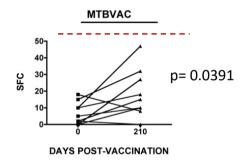
ELISPOT CFP10 and ESAT6specific responses in MTBVACvaccinated adults

CFP10 Elispot

ELISPOT



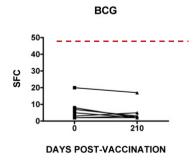


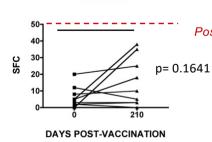


Positive cut-off for TB infection

CFP10 significative higer but, **Negative** for the 3 doses of MTBVAC and the end of the study (7M)

ESAT6 Elispot





MTBVAC

Positive cut-off for TB infection

Aguilo et al 2017 Nat Comm

Spertini et al Lancet Resp Medicine 2015

ESAT-6 and CFP-10 as positive if the number of SFUs was at least 55 SFU per 10⁶ cells



Phase 1b/2a

DOSE FINDING SAFETY AND IMMUNOGENICITY IN ADULTS 2019

Re-VACCINATION IN ADOLESCENTS / ADULTS

Randomized, Double-blind, Active-controlled, Safety, Immunogenicity, and Dose-escalation Study in Adults with and without LTBI in South Africa. Satvi SCUTH AVECAN NAME PATRATE



Phase 2 ADULTS



Trial Population - 144 (96 +48) END VACCINATION PHASE SEPT2020

QFT negative individuals:

- Cohort 1: n =12 MTBVAC (5 x 103 CFU) and n=6 BCG
- Cohort 2: n= 12 MTBVAC (5 x 104 CFU) and n=6 BCG Cohort 3: n= 12 MTBVAC (5 x 105 CFU) and n=6 BCG
- Cohort 4: n= 12 MTBVAC (5 x 106 CFU) and n=6 BCG

QFT positive individuals:

- Cohort 5: n =12 MTBVAC (5 x 103 CFU) and n=6 BCG
- Cohort 6: n= 12 MTBVAC (5 x 104 CFU) and n=6 BCG
- Cohort 7: n= 12 MTBVAC (5 x 105 CFU) and n=6 BCG Cohort 8: n= 12 MTBVAC (5 x 106 CFU) and n=6 BCG











ClinicalTrials.gov

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2019

CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT

2021/2022

Phase 2 NEWBORNS



DOSE FINDING SAFETY AND IMMUNOGENICITY IN NEWBORNS 2019

Phase2a randomized, double-blind, safety, immunogenicity, and dose-finding study in newborns living in a tuberculosis endemic region





END VACCINATION PHASE MARCH 2021

99 HIV-unexposed, BCG-naïve, healthy newborns Intradermally within 96hrs of birth randomized 3:1 to receive:





 MTBVAC (2.5x10⁵ CFU) or BCG (2.5x10⁵ CFU) (25+8) MTBVAC (2.5x10⁶ CFU) or BCG (2.5x10⁵ CFU) (25+8)





vaccine in healthy, BCG naïve, HIV unexposed, South African newborns · To evaluate the immunogenicity of MTBVAC at escalating dose levels compared to BCG vaccine in healthy, BCG naïve, HIV unexposed, South African newborns



SECONDARY OBJECTIVES

To evaluate QFT conversion rates in neonates receiving escalating dose levels of MTBVAC

Center de Recherche Biomedical e Espoir Pour La Santé (BRC-EPLS)/ Senegal Institut Pasteur de Madagascar (IPM)/ Madagascar



Phase 3 EFFICACY

PHASE 3 NEWBORNS

EDCTP (European Development Clinical Trials Parnership)

ZENDAL MTBVAC Phase 3 in neonates - RIA2019S-25652

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A Phase 3, Randomised, Double blind, Controlled of the Safety, Immunogenicity and Efficacy Evaluation Study in TB-Endemic Regions of Sub-Saharan Africa of MTBVAC in Healthy, BCG Naïve, HIV Unexposed and Exposed, South African newborns













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CONSORTIUM - PARTNERSHIP Biofabri / Spain / Coordinator

TuBerculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI) / The Netherland The University of Zaragoza / Spain

The University of Cape Town (UCT) / South Africa Center de Recherche Biomedicale Espoir Pour La Santé (BRC-EPLS) / Senegal Institut Pasteur de Madagascar (IPM) / Madagascar

The University of Stellenbosch (SUN), Cape Town Countries Clinical Trial

The Respiratory and Meningeal Pathogen Research Unit /RMPRU), Johannesburg, South Africa The University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN), Durban, South Africa

















NON SPECIFIC EFFECTS TB LIVE ATTENUATED VACCINES

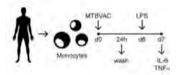
BCG	MTBVAC
First-line therapy for non–muscle-invasive bladder cancer. Morales et al 1976 Journal of Urology.	Therapeutic efficacy in preclinical model of bladder cancer. Alvarez-Aguedas et al 2018 Trans Med.
Trained immunity in human cells. Kleinnijenhuis <i>et al</i> 2012 Proc Natl Acad Sci USA.	 Trained immunity in human cells (epigenetic and metabolic reprogramming of the cells from the innate immune system). Tarancon et al 2020 Plos Pathogens.
 Heterologous protection against lethal Candida albicans infection in mice. Kleinnijenhuis Kleinnijenhuis et al 2012 Proc Natl Acad Sci USA. 	 Heterologous protection against a lethal challenge with Streptococcus pneumoniae in an experimental murine model of pneumonia. Tarancon et al 2020 Plos Pathogens.
Therapeutic efficacy against established asthma Tarancon et al 2021 Ebiomedicine.	Therapeutic efficacy against established asthma Tarancon et al 2021 Ebiomedicine.
 Beneficial impact on immunization with DTaP vaccine (diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis). Broset et al 2021 Ebiomedicine . 	 Beneficial impact on immunization with DTaP vaccine (diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis). Broset et al 2021 Ebiomedicine.

PLOS PATHOGENS

RESEARCH ARTICLE

New live attenuated tuberculosis vaccine MTBVAC induces trained immunity and confers protection against experimental lethal pneumonia

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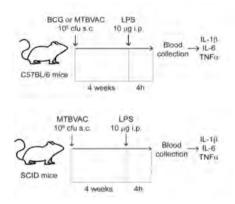




MTBVAC induces epigenetic reprograming in human PBMCs

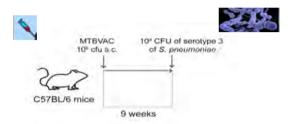
Induction of glycolysis and glutaminolysis and the accumulation of histone methylation marks at the promoters of proinflammatory

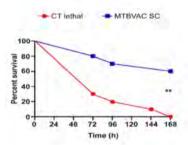
Genes: TNF α , IL6



MTBVAC induces trained immunity *in vivo* in mice: Immunocompetent and SCID

MTBVAC induces trained immunity

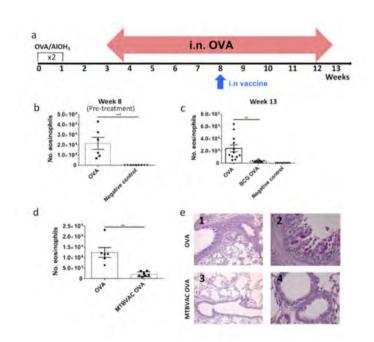




MTBVAC protect *in vivo* in mice against *S. pneumoniae* infection Heterologous protection against a lethal challenge with *S. pneumoniae* in an experimental murine model of pneumonia.

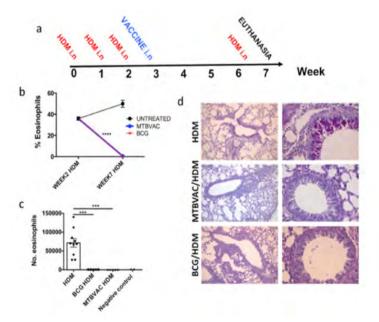
THERAPEUTIC EFFICACY MTBVAC AGAINST ESTABLISHED ASTHMA

BCG and MTBVAC intranasal revert established allergic airway responsiveness in an OVA-driven chronic model.





BCG and MTBVAC intranasal vaccination reverts established allergic airway responsiveness induced by the relevant house dust mite allergen HDM.



BENEFICIAL IMPACT ON IMMUNIZATION WITH DTaP VACCINE (DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, AND **ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS)**

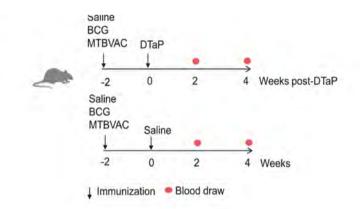
DTaP group Saline BCG **MTBVAC** weeks Saline BCG MTBVAC weeks Immunization Blood draw Spleen extraction 1500 Stimuli □ US 1000 DT DT IFN (pg/ml) □ TT 300 150 DTaP

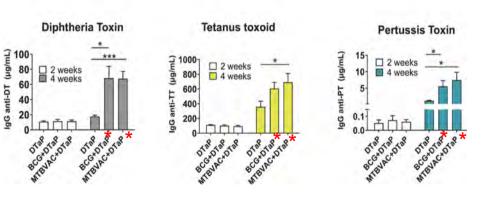
Immunization with DTaP alone failed trigger а Th1response. as measured by the production of IFN-y. Both BCG and **MTBVAC** when administered before DTaP, triggered Th1 immune responses against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis in mice.



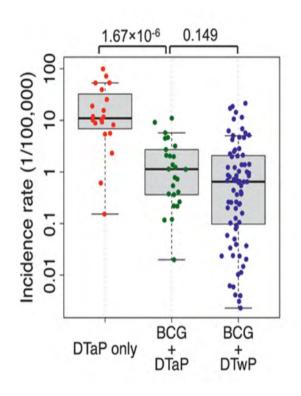
IgG anti-DT

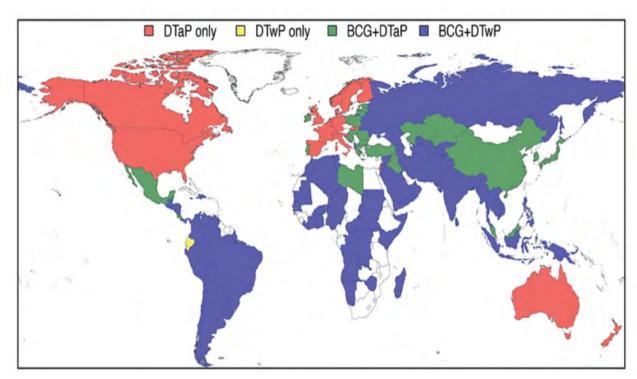
HUMORAL RESPONSES AGAINST DTaP ANTIGENS WERE ALSO ENHANCED BY PREVIOUS IMMUNIZATION WITH BCG OR MTBVAC



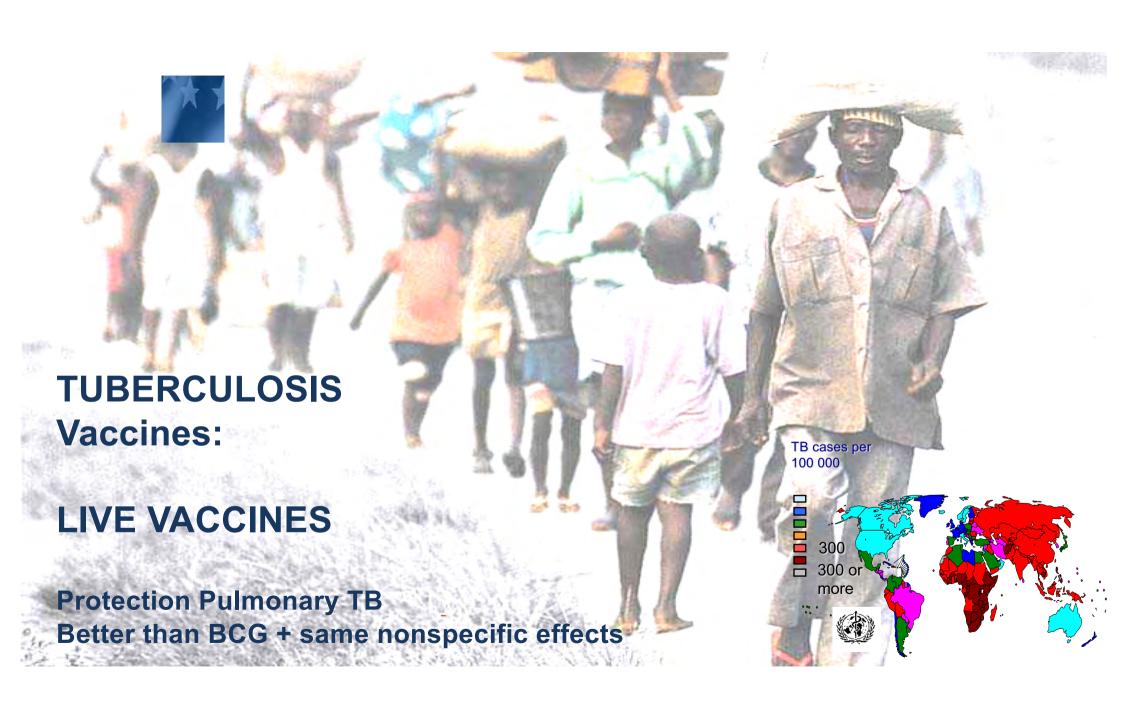


HUMAN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DATA SHOWED THAT PERTUSSIS INCIDENCE WAS10-FOLD LOWER IN COUNTRIES THAT USE DTaP and BCG COMPARED TO COUNTRIES THAT USE ONLY DTaP



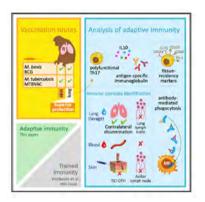


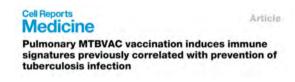




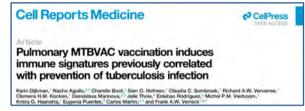


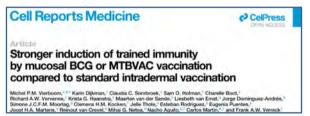
RESEARCH ON NEW ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION: RESPIRATORY ROUTE

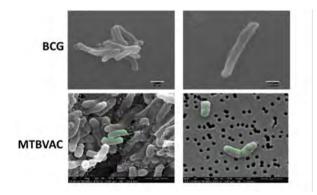


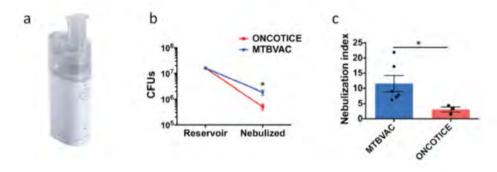












Aerosol delivery for administration for live TB vaccines into the lung compartment. Efficacy of nebulization *in vitro* of two clinical formulations of MTBVAC and BCG in a standard commercial nebulizer, demonstrating the feasibility of reaching therapeutic bacterial doses using standard nebulization devices.





Puente de Piedra (Zaragoza)









Puente de Rande (Vigo)











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