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Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria

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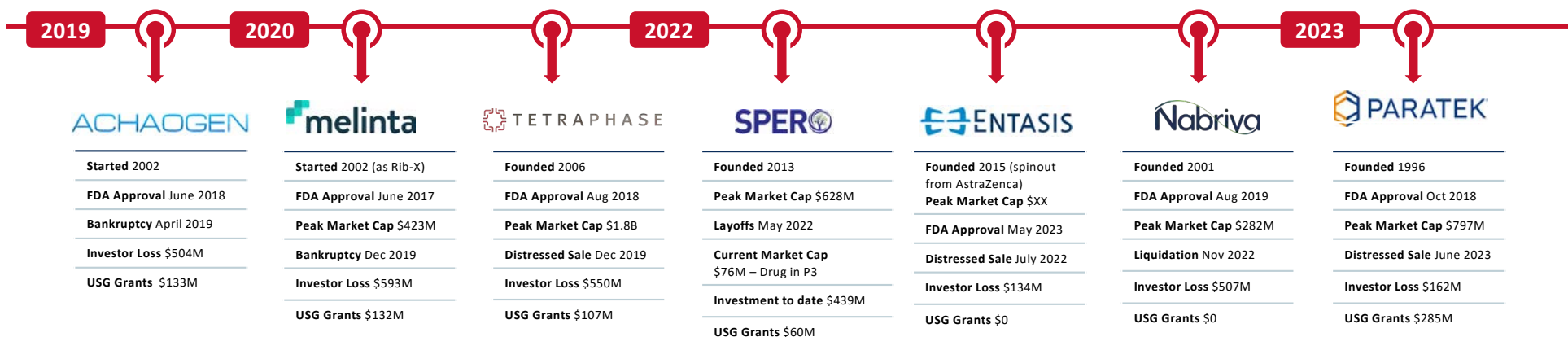
We have a solution to the antibacterial innovation and access crisis: PUSH + PULL

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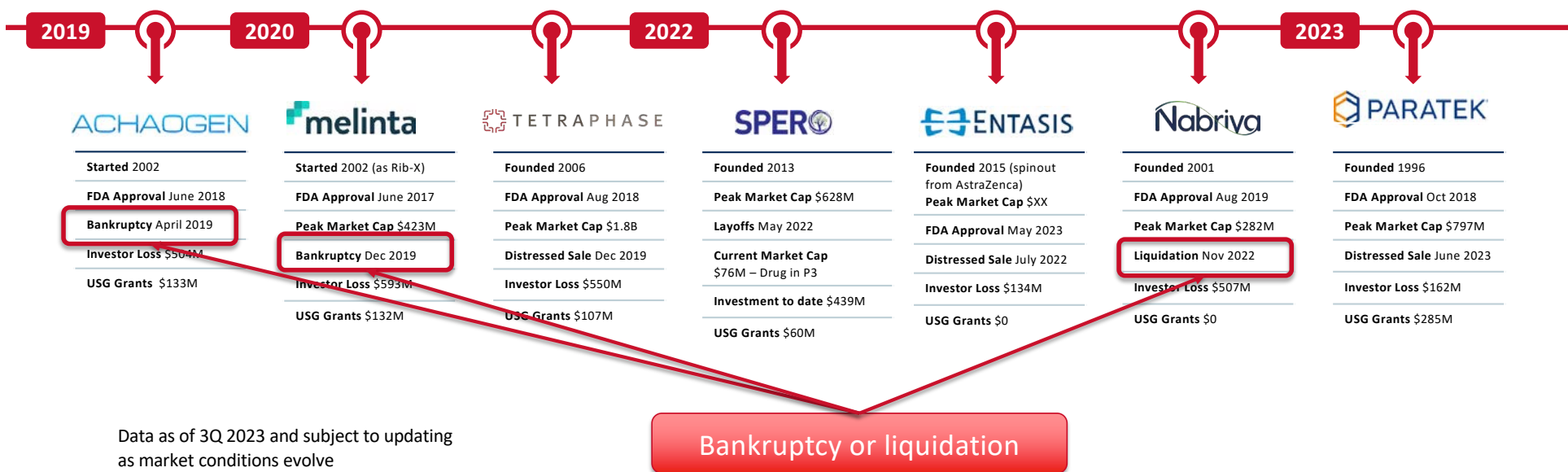
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Data as of 3Q 2023 and subject to updating as market conditions evolve

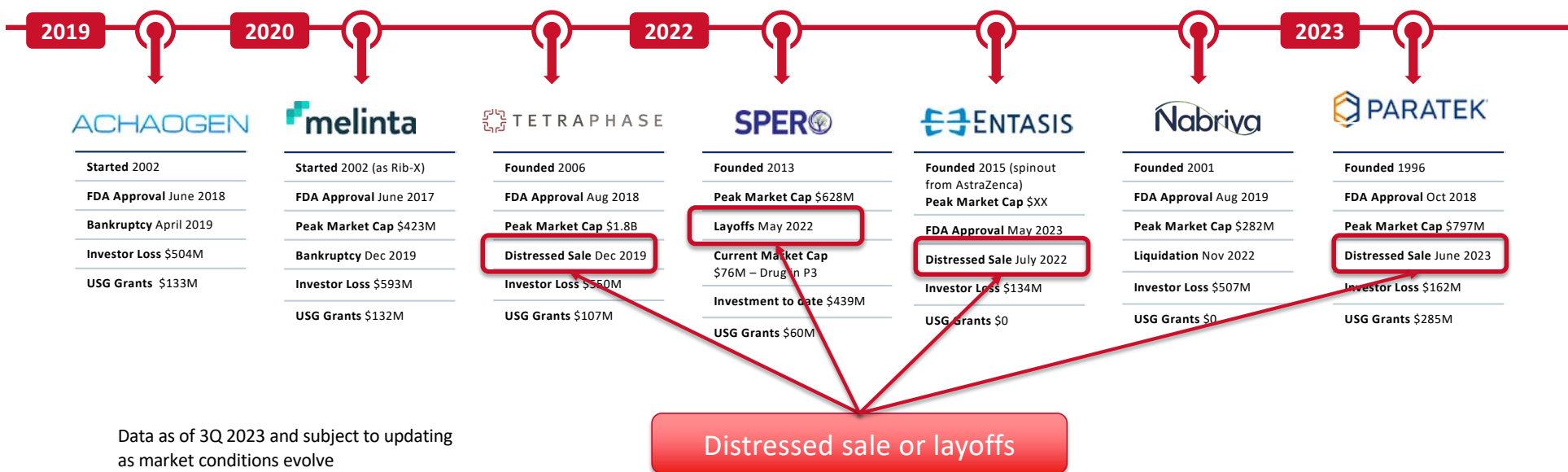
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Where have the antibiotic scientists gone?

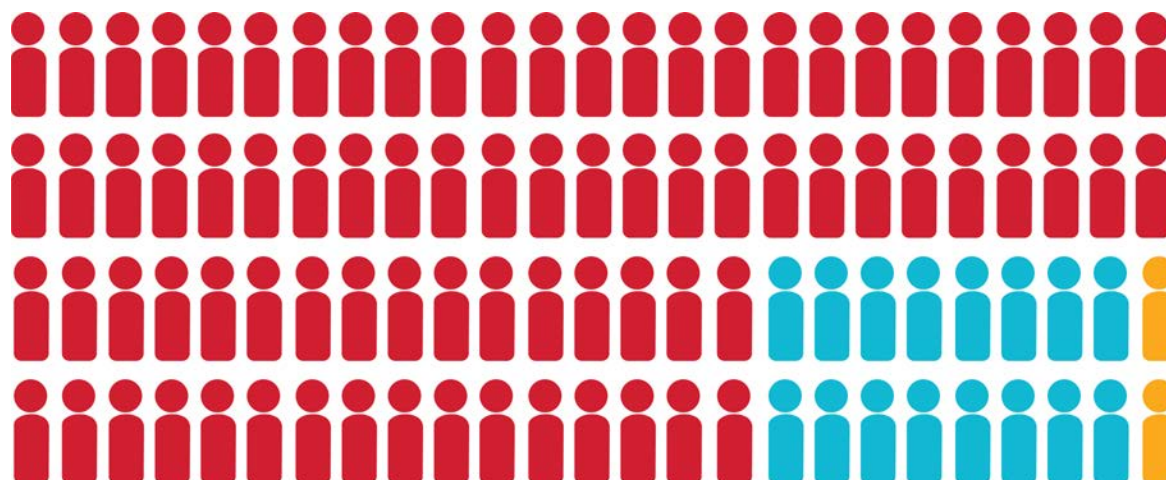
June 2018¹ – June 2023²

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82% out of antibiotics

16% in antibiotics (for profit)

2% in antibiotics (non-profit)



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1. As of June 2018, number of M.S., M.D., or Ph.D. employees working at least 50% in antibiotic R&D at Achaogen, Entasis, Melinta, Macrolide, Nabriva, Novartis, Paratek, Spero, and Tetrphase (n= 314)
2. As of June 2023, whether these 314 scientists were working in antibiotics (for-profit & non-profit) or had left antibiotic R&D. 6 were unable to be located and were presumed lost to antibiotic R&D.

Source: CARB-X data from personal communications & surveys.



The urgency to close the funding gap in the early stages of AMR product development

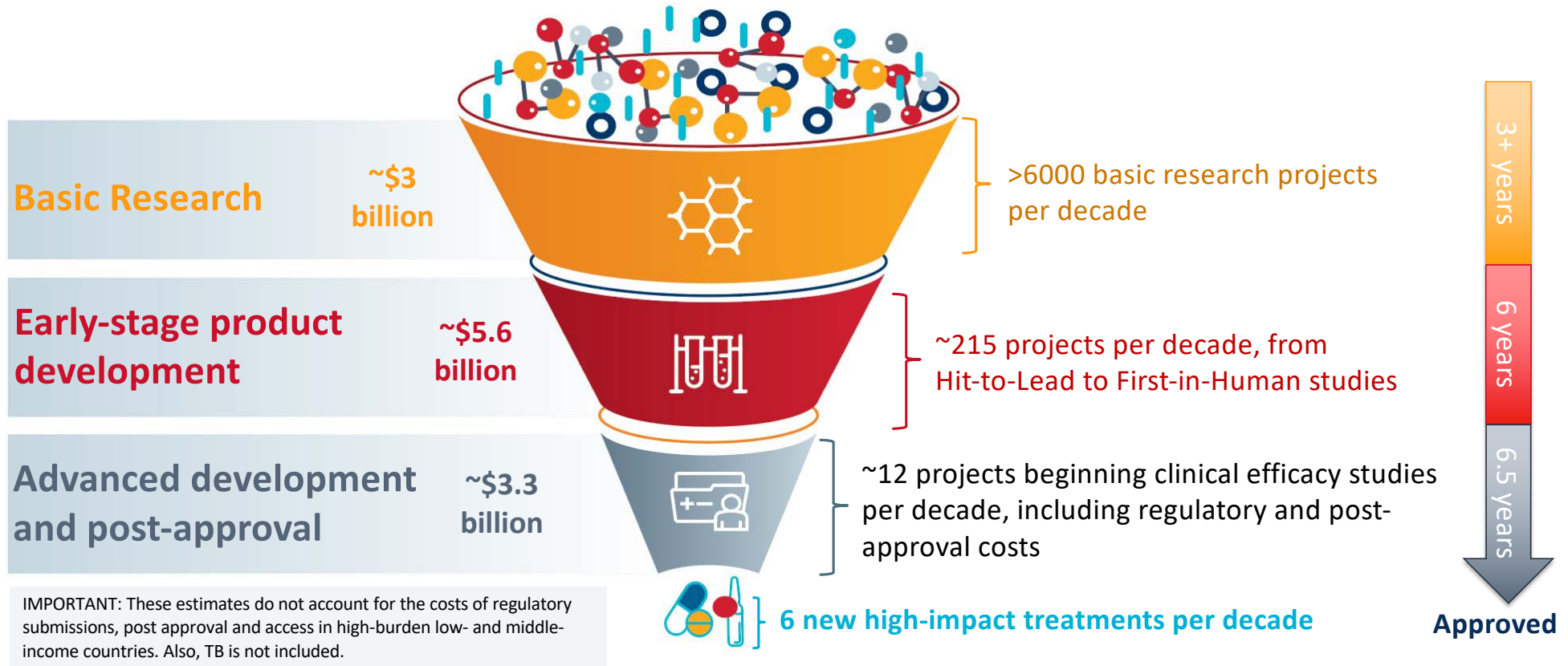
Funding early-stage R&D is indispensable AND urgent

- **Early-stage R&D is where the most promising projects, but also the most vulnerable product developers are**
 - The AMR Action Fund has struggled to find investment opportunities, with its CEO [acknowledging](#) publicly that the clinical pipeline is “much thinner” than he had originally realized (Jan 2023)
 - The World Health Organization found [found](#) that “the **clinical** pipeline and recently approved antibiotics are insufficient to tackle the challenge of AMR.” In contrast, “[t]he **preclinical** pipeline is innovative and includes a large number of non-traditional approaches” (May 2022)
 - Yet, “[t]he **preclinical** antibacterial pipeline continues to rely on micro (< 10 employees) and small (< 50 employees) companies and academic institutions,” and the “analysis of groups with programmes in the **preclinical** antibacterial pipeline clearly indicates significant volatility and turnover” (May 2022)
- **Without a healthy early-stage pipeline, there will be no R&D projects to develop clinically and no treatments for pull incentives to make accessible**

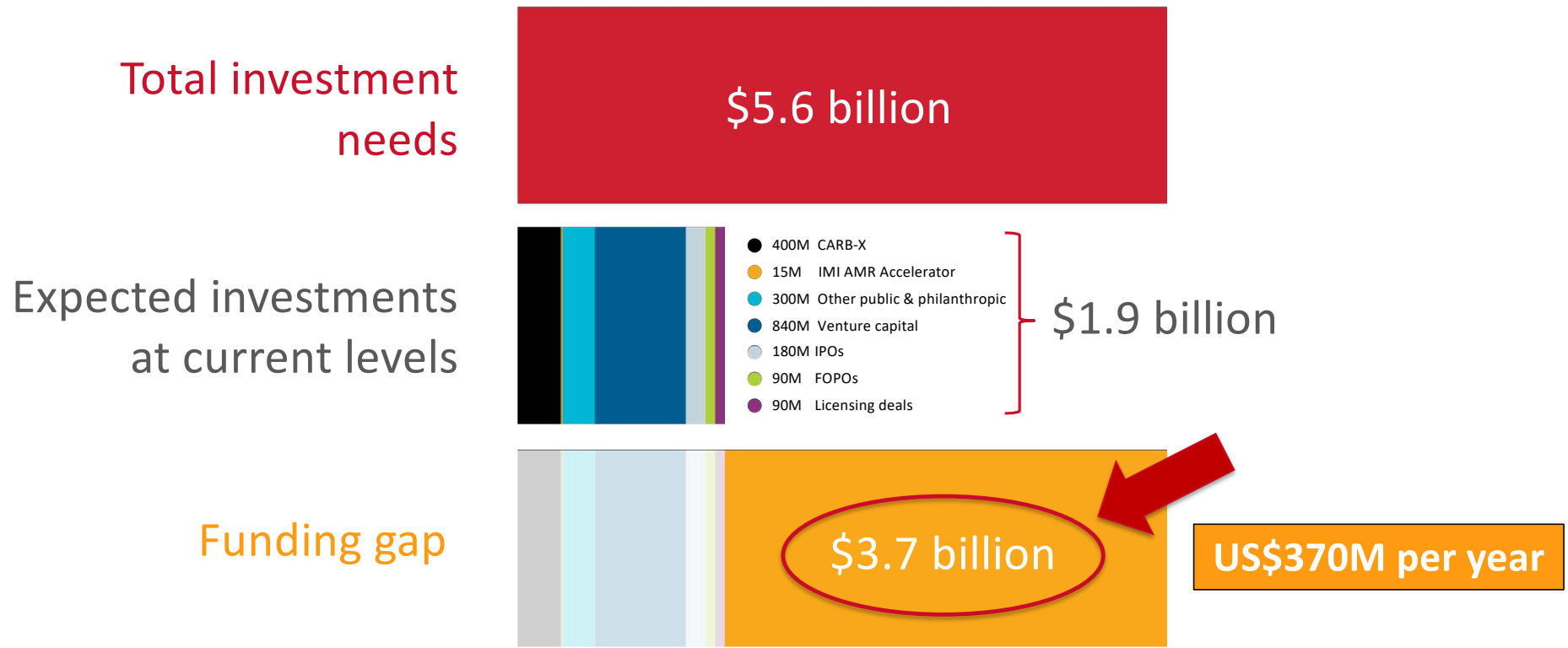
The bad business of developing new antibiotics



6+ innovative high-impact treatments require a pipeline



Funding gap for early-stage R&D: USD 370M a year



Same conclusion: all major reports from past 10 years

- [AMR Review](#) (2015): “a global AMR Innovation Fund of around \$2B over 5 years” = **additional USD \$400 M annually**
- [GUARD](#) (2017): a Global Research Fund with \$87.5M for preclinical development and \$85M for Phase 1 studies = **additional USD \$172.5 M annually**
- [Drive-AB](#) (2018): “additional annual global push funding in the range of \$200M to \$500M would particularly benefit early-stage research” = **additional USD \$200-500 M annually**
- [WHO/Global AMR R&D Hub](#) (2023): “**need additional push funding** to replenish a weak clinical pipeline”
- [LSE Policy Brief for Swedish EC Presidency](#) (2023): “There remains **a very significant funding gap for early-stage product development ...**”
- [PwC for DG HERA](#) (2023): “There is relative consensus on the need to provide additional push funding, in a range between **\$250M and \$400M on an annual basis**, and at a global level ...” = **additional USD \$250-400 M annually**

Summary: additional USD \$172.5-500 M annually



The unique role of CARB-X

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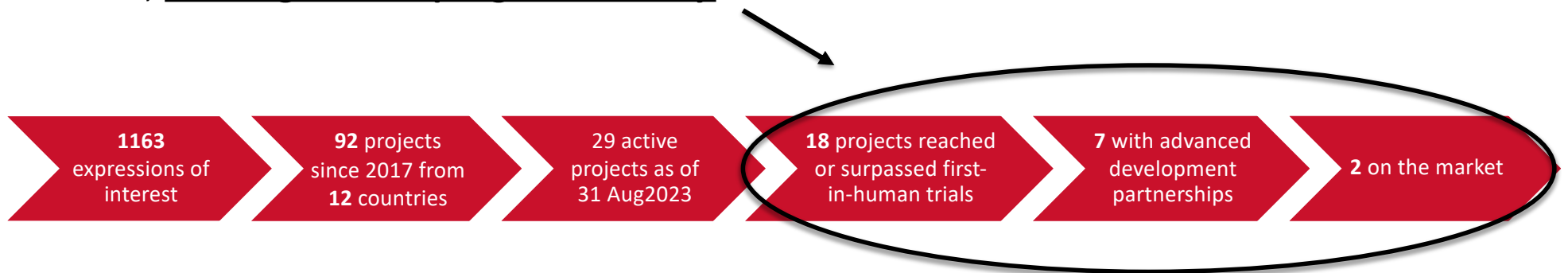
Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria

The global non-profit partnership replenishing the clinical pipeline of innovative products to prevent, diagnose and treat the most dangerous drug-resistant infections



18 R&D projects reached or surpassed first-in-human trials

- Three pillars: therapeutics, preventatives and diagnostics
- Accelerates R&D projects from Hit-to-Lead to First-in-Human studies
- Provides non-dilutive funding **and** business, technical and scientific support
- Product developers are responsible for 30-40% cost-share
- Invested more than \$400M since 2017
- Created the world's most promising discovery & early-development portfolio to address AMR, **with significant progress already**

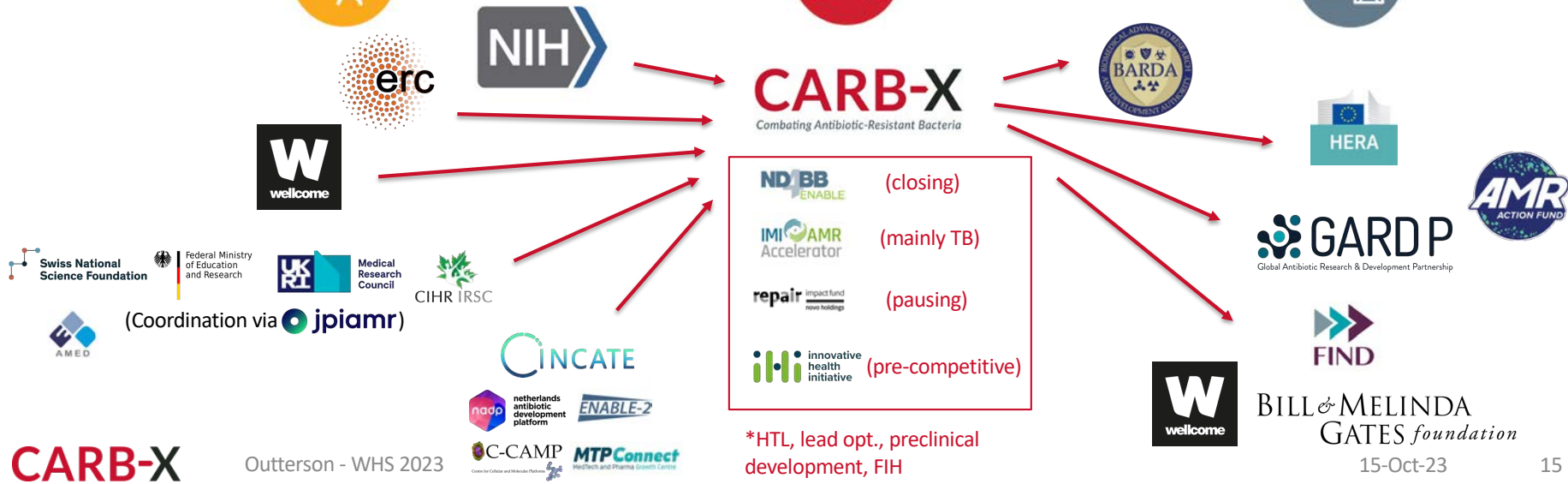


CARB-X targets the most burdensome infections globally

Global deaths attributable to (dark grey) and associated with (light grey) drug-resistant bacterial infections, by syndrome, 2019*

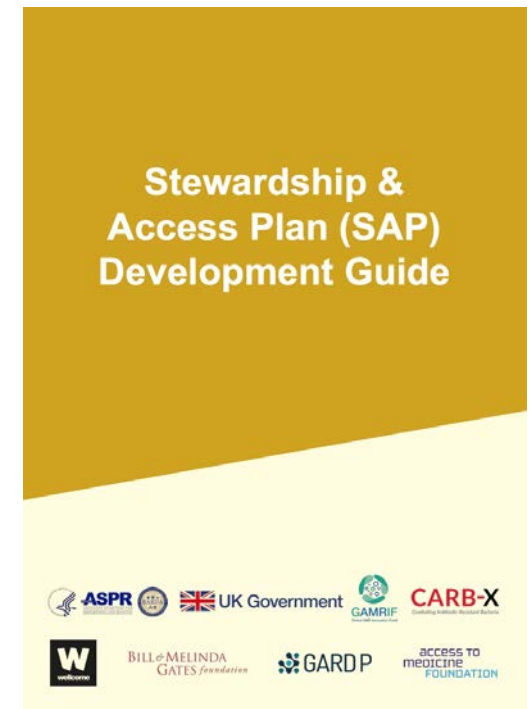


CARB-X is a crucial link in the AMR innovation chain



Contractual obligations related to stewardship and access

- Product developers prepare a non-confidential Stewardship and Access Plan (SAP) when product enters pivotal clinical trials
 - Every CARB-X PD has agreed to the same terms
- SAP updated and published on CARB-X website when product is first approved by any of the FDA, EMA (or national authorities), MHRA, or PMDA
 - Updated following any significant market or product changes
- Obligations survive termination/expiration of CARB-X funding; follows the product to the expiration of Project IP Rights
- Wellcome Trust succeeds to CARB-X's rights, if need be





Pull incentives complete the solution

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Estimating The Appropriate Size Of Global Pull Incentives For Antibacterial Medicines

- Best estimate for a global antibacterial subscription = **\$310M (range: \$220M-\$480M)** per drug annually over 10 years
 - The PASTEUR Act is within this range, as is the global pull incentive implied by the UK program
- Both push and pull incentives are necessary for sustainable and robust antibacterial drug development

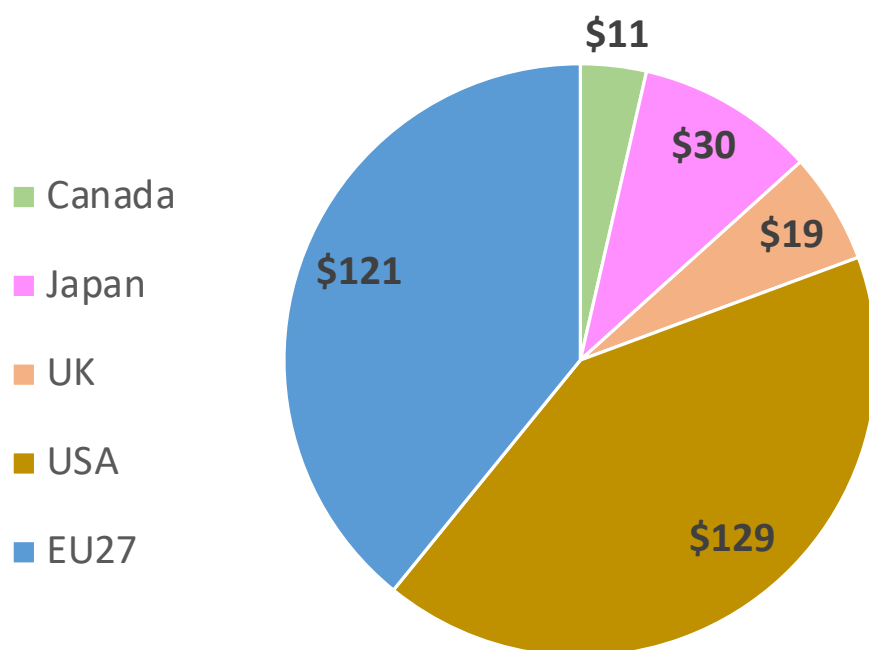
Outterson K. Estimating the appropriate size for global antibacterial pull incentives. Health Affairs 2021 <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34724432/>

Advancing delinked pull incentives¹

- **UK** (2 drugs covered; upgrade in progress: up to £20 m/drug/year)
- **Japan** (pilot announced by MHLW during its G7 Presidency)
- **EU** (European Commission included transferable exclusivity extension vouchers in its pharma revision)
- **Canada** (PHAC-commissioned pull incentive report from CCA was published last month)
- **US** (PASTEUR Act slowly gains bipartisan co-sponsors, Congressional hearings held in April & July 2023)

¹Includes only pull incentives (subscriptions & revenue guarantees) not dependent sales volumes (i.e., delinked)

“Fair share” pull incentive targets: G7 + EU27



Fair share of a \$3.1B global subscription pull incentive, allocated by relative GDP within G7+EU27. Adding additional economies decreases the targets.

Figures are average per drug, per year, paid over 10 years

Payments might be lower at registration, but could increase as stronger evidence is presented

Australia “fair share” = US\$ 9M
South Korea = US\$ 8M
Switzerland = US\$ 4.4M

Oттerson 2023, <https://open.bu.edu/handle/2144/42568>

Conclusions

- Absent reform, the R&D ecosystem is collapsing → **Access for no one.**
- The AMR R&D ecosystem needs BOTH push and pull incentives
 - CARB-X demonstrates a global push incentive can replenish the clinical pipeline, but US\$370M / year is needed in additional push incentives for early stage product development
 - The UK implemented an innovative subscription pull incentive, which can be adapted to other healthcare systems with modifications (Canada, Japan, EU, US)
 - Initiatives that focus on late-stage R&D and access for LMICs (e.g., GARDP, EDCTP3, ADVANCE-ID, SECURE) are crucial and should be prioritized and funded as well
- Each high-income country should contribute its “fair share”
- Conditionalities on stewardship and access have been successfully applied to push incentives; pull incentives should build on this progress