

### Availability of High-quality, Affordable, and Accessible Monoclonal Antibodies to Support PCV Development

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### The Need

- Vaccine manufacturers require high quality antibodies to test and characterize vaccines during R&D and manufacturing processes
- Development of high-quality antibodies, specifically monoclonal antibodies (mAbs), is expensive and resource intensive
- Only a few vaccine manufacturers have made the investment in creating such mAbs and are not incentivized to provide access to other manufacturers
- Low-cost pneumococcal pneumonia vaccine manufacturers have limited access to such mAbs and typically pay high prices or rely on varying quality antibodies, making development technically challenging and more expensive
- Moreover, lack of standardized mAbs prevents harmonization of vaccine composition

### The Solution

• A globally **accessible**, **commercially sustainable** repository of **high-quality**, **affordable** monoclonal antibodies against 24 of the most commonly occurring pneumococcal serotypes

### PATH addressed this need with a user-centric approach









# Market research findings – validate value proposition and assess user needs

- Over 75% (10/13) of respondents believed that the availability of lower cost, high-quality mAbs against pneumococcal polysaccharides would benefit their organization's vaccine development program
- Majority of respondents indicated the quality of the mAbs is a prerequisite to use
- PATH further surveyed respondents to understand how they defined quality

### Defining and ensuring quality

#### Characterization and compatibility testing requirements

- mAbs should be sterile
- Demonstrated purity
- Disciplinable amount of anti-cell wall polysaccharides
- Compatibility with identity, stability, and quantitation assays
- Functionality testing (e.g., opsonophagocytic activity)
- mAbs should demonstrate competitive inhibition of polysaccharide at the nanogram levels (i.e., interest in high-titer antibodies)
- Sufficient specificity between serotypes (especially to 6A/6B, 19A/19F)

#### Formulation requirements

- Minimum amount of excipients
- · Excipients should be compatible to enzymes used in ELISAs
- Minimum or no preservatives
- Formulated in appropriate buffer to avoid aggregation and precipitation, especially for IgG3
- Lyophilized format is preferable for most developing country vaccine manufacturers

#### Storage/Stability

- Three months bench stability at 2°C to 8°C
- Long-term storage at –20°C to –70°C





These quality metrics were prioritized and incorporated into the hybridoma screening and mAbs production process



### Ensuring global access





- PATH ensured selected partners had capability to manufacture, sell, and distribute to target customers currently developing low-cost pneumococcal pneumonia vaccines
- Import requirements and shipping costs were landscaped and communicated to partners to ensure alignment and commitment to providing access to these markets



## Picking the right manufacturing and commercial partners

Develop product Understand and partner Conduct partner needs of requirements search and due Select partner customer via based on diligence market research customer needs Produce mabs Enable access to and ensure mabs via Generate quality meets commercially hybridomas and sustainable product screen for quality requirements reposity

- Partners needed to demonstrate
  - Ability to produce high-quality mAbs
  - Cost-effective production and storage
  - Experience with global distribution
  - A business model that would enable long-term commercial sustainability
- After considering several options, PATH selected Precision Antibody to serve as its manufacturing and commercial partner for the mAbs repository
- Precision Antibody was founded in 2000 and offers high-quality custom antibody development service
  - Preferred partner for the CDC, FDA, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and the National Cancer Institute
  - Delivered over 10,000 mAbs since its inception
  - Equipped to offer global distribution of pneumococcal serotype-specific mAbs through its online catalog as they become available



### Ensuring quality product

#### Primary Screens – Identify candidates

- mAb specific to PnPS serotype
- Non-reactive to CRM or CPS
- No cross-reactivity specificity only to PnPS target vs 23 other PnPS
- Isotyping- mAb classification

#### Secondary Screens – Down select candidates

- No cross-reactivity specificity only to target vs 23 other PnPS/CPS
- Binding affinity index
- Avidity index
- Yield

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#### Tertiary Screens – qualify production materials

- No cross-reactivity specificity only to target vs 23 other PnPS/CPS
- Purity SDS PAGE
- Performance pre and post lyophilization testing
- Accelerated and real time stability studies on lyophilized product





A, Anti-Pn4 mAb cross-reacting with Pn6B antigen



Serotype

#### B, Anti-Pn6A mAb binding specifically to Pn6A antigen



- PnPS EIA
- 2. CRM EIA

#### 3. X reactivity – PnPS/CPS Q-plex<sup>™</sup> arrays

### Ensuring quality - Qualifying Specificity



### **Ensuring quality- Binding affinity** and avidity indices







### Production status – Set 1

Candidates in production

- 12 PnPS mAbs
- Pn19F repeat

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14	lgG <sub>2a</sub> /k											
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19A	lgG <sub>1</sub> /k											
23F	lgG₃											

### Development status – Set 2



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Hybridoma screening for down selection

- Up to 5 clones per PnPS
- Small scale purified mAbs
- Screen avidity/affinity
- Assess productivity
- Select 1 clone for scaled mAb production



### **Commercial availability**



- Initial set of up to 12 sero-specific mAbs projected for commercial sale by 2Q 2019
  - Set #1 to include serotypes: Pn 1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 19A, 23F
- Second set of sero-specific mAbs are projected for commercial sale by 4Q 2019
  - Set #2 to include serotypes: Pn 2, 8, 9N, 10A, 11A, 12F, 15B, 17F, 19F, 20, 22F, 33F
- PATH and Precision are dedicated to global access and affordability
  - mAbs will be made available for global export with required documentation and certifications
  - mAbs pricing will be offered at a price 3-5 fold less than currently available antibodies
- PATH and Precision have agreed to make samples available for testing by interested parties to enable manufacturers to ensure quality and compatibility with internal assays



### Alternative markets for the mAbs

Other markets for mAbs can increase the viability of the repository Alternatives:

- Pneumococcal Diagnostics
- Serosurveillance tools

PATH is developing an SSUAD assay with Quansys

- Robust and relatively low-cost equipment
- Routine protocol
- Proof of concept assay performance meets TPP (to pg range)
- 100 µL urine
- 6 hr turn around time
- Quality manufacturing (ISO:9001/13485)



### Thank you!

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