

Press Release

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IVCC welcomes Bayer's new indoor residual spraying solution for malaria control

IVCC has welcomed the WHO Pre-Qualification of Bayer's Fludora™ Fusion, combining different modes of action, as another major step forward in malaria control and insecticide resistance management.

IVCC supported the development of this new indoor residual spray (IRS) product in field trials where the product was tested against various resistant mosquito strains and on different relevant surface types. The data generated demonstrated that Fludora™ Fusion provides robust and consistent results, matching the needs of malaria control programs across Africa.

Nick Hamon, CEO of IVCC said: "We were pleased to have been able to support part of the Fludora™ Fusion trial program and to see this milestone achieved. New vector control tools are desperately needed to combat resistance and this is another positive addition to the toolbox."

IVCC's David McGuire who, with other consortium partners PMI, Abt Associates and PATH, leads the \$65.1m Unitaid funded NgenIRS initiative, added: "Fludora™ Fusion will be a powerful and timely addition to the range of new indoor residual spray products implementing partners can use across sub-Saharan Africa. Following the successful deployment of Syngenta's Actellic® 300 CS and Sumitomo's SumiShield® we now have greater choice of new generation IRS products that can support sub-national rotation of insecticides, a major weapon against the threat of insecticide resistance. The introduction of more products from different manufacturers has also created a competitive environment for third generation IRS that is driving down prices to affordable levels for malaria control programs and their donor partners.

Dr. Jacqueline M. Applegate, Head of the Environmental Science business unit at Bayer added: "We are very proud to have achieved WHO Pre-Qualification for Fludora™ Fusion; it reflects our long-term commitment towards supporting the elimination of vector-borne diseases. It is a clear example of our focus on applying science to advance life – malaria control programs will now have access to an additional safe, efficient and cost-effective solution to protect the millions at risk from the disease."

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About IVCC

IVCC is the only product development partnership (PDP) working in vector control. Established in 2005, IVCC works with stakeholders to facilitate the development of novel and improved public health insecticides and formulations and provides information tools to enable their effective use. IVCC's vision is simply to save lives, protect health and increase prosperity by preventing insect-borne diseases. IVCC is funded by The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, UKaid, USAID, Unitaid, the Global Fund, the Australian Government and The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

About Bayer

Bayer is a global enterprise with core competencies in the Life Science fields of health care and agriculture. Its products and services are designed to benefit people and improve their quality of life. At the same time, the Group aims to create value through innovation, growth and high earning power. Bayer is committed to the principles of sustainable development and to its social and ethical responsibilities as a corporate citizen.