



WIPO | Re:Search

Sharing Innovation
in the Fight Against
Neglected Tropical Diseases

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The Challenge of Neglected Tropical Diseases, Malaria, and Tuberculosis

Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), malaria, and tuberculosis blight the lives of a billion people worldwide and threaten the health of millions more. NTDs are largely a symptom of poverty and disadvantage. Those most affected are the poorest populations often living in remote rural areas, urban slums and shantytowns, or in conflict zones. There is an urgent need for new and better treatments, cures, and vaccines to improve treatment options.

The Role of Intellectual Property

The public health challenges facing developing and least developed countries are complex and require multiple approaches. **WIPO Re:Search** is founded on the belief that intellectual property and knowledge can be used creatively to stimulate more investment in research and development for new health solutions.

Through **WIPO Re:Search**, a range of public and private sector institutions have come together to make valuable intellectual property assets more widely available to the global research community to address the challenges represented by NTDs, particularly the need for more research. The World Health Organization is supporting this initiative by providing technical advice to WIPO.

What does WIPO Re:Search offer?

To achieve its goals, WIPO Re:Search is structured around three main areas of activity:

Global Database

Comprehensive

Over time, linked to other databases

Publicly accessible, hosted by WIPO

What is WIPO Re:Search?

WIPO Re:Search is a new consortium through which public and private sector organizations around the world are making valuable intellectual property available, including:

- » compounds
- » compound libraries
- » unpublished scientific results
- » regulatory data and dossiers
- » screening technologies
- » platform technologies
- » expertise and know-how, and
- » patents and patent rights

to qualified researchers anywhere in the world seeking to develop new solutions for NTDs, malaria and tuberculosis. Services, such as access to company research facilities, are also offered through **WIPO Re:Search**. Licenses will be royalty-free for product distribution in Least Developed Countries.

Partnership Hub

Importantly, to support the use of the resources made available in **WIPO Re:Search**, a leading global health organization – BIO Ventures for Global Health (BVGH) – serves as the non-profit Administrator of the Partnership Hub. BVGH's responsibility is to reach out to potential users and licensees of **WIPO Re:Search** resources so that all assets are being used as productively as possible.

How can users access this information?

The **WIPO Re:Search** website, www.wipoReSearch.org is freely accessible to the public. Researchers with a potential interest in a particular compound, technology, or service can contact the Partnership Hub Administrator, BVGH, directly on the website.

Partnership Hub

Drive usage, connect partners

Specific licensing support, upon request


Led by BVGH, in collaboration with WIPO

Supporting Services

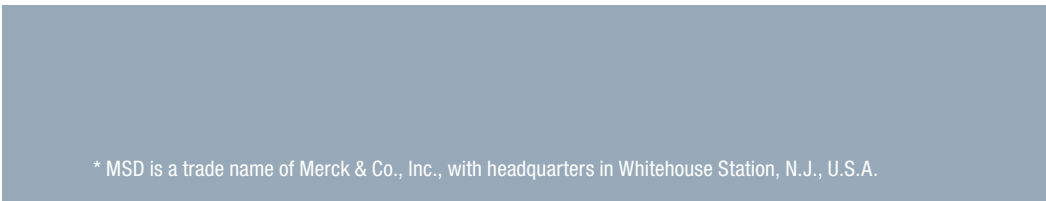



Generic licensing support

Technical advice by WHO to WIPO

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* MSD is a trade name of Merck & Co., Inc., with headquarters in Whitehouse Station, N.J., U.S.A.