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The Innovative Vector Control Consortium

Few new insecticides have been produced for the control of insect vectors of disease in developing countries over the past three decades, owing to market constraints, and the available insecticides are often poorly deployed. To address these market failures the **Innovative Vector Control Consortium (IVCC)** has been formed. Supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the IVCC will develop a portfolio of chemical and technological tools that will be directly and immediately accessible to populations in the developing world. This will enable industry and academia to change the vector control paradigm for malaria and dengue and to ensure that vector control, alongside drugs, case management and vaccines can be better used to reduce these two diseases.

Dr Graham Small, a recognised expert on insecticide resistance in insect vectors of disease, was recently invited to become a full member of the IVCC's external scientific advisory committee (ESAC). Meeting biannually, ESAC is a very important committee for the IVCC, providing it with expert technical recommendations on which projects to adopt into its portfolio and on the key issues the projects should address. It also monitors the results generated through work on each project and progress made against key project milestones.



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