Stakeholder Feedback and Discussion MATRIX and the Framework for HIV Prevention in Kenya

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MATRIX current product pipeline

| Product | | Developer | Product Type | Active Ingredient(s) | How used | Protection Goal | Unique Features/ Additional Info | Development Status |
|---------|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|--------------------|--|---|
| | TAF/EVG Fast- dissolving vaginal insert | CONRAD (USA) | Fast- dissolving insert | TAF/EVG tenofovir alafenamide & elvitegravir NRTI & integrase inhibitor (ARVs) | On-demand (women insert themselves at time of sex) | At least 1 day | TAF shows activity against HSV- may be added benefit Outside of MATRIX, CONRAD evaluating as rectal insert. | MATRIX-001 — safety and acceptability Phase 1 study (US & African sites) |
| | Dapivirine vaginal film | Univ of Pittsburgh (USA) | Vaginal film | Dapivirine NNRTI (ARV) | Women insert themselves | 1 month | Film would slowly release drug as it dissolves. Also being developed as dual-purpose | MATRIX-002 — safety, acceptability & usability of 2 placebo films (US & African sites) —informing film design for first-in-human trial of active product. |
| | Dapivirine & levonorgestrel dual-purpose vaginal film | Univ of Pittsburgh (USA) | Vaginal film (dual purpose) | Dapivirine NNRTI (ARV) Levonorgestrel (LNG) (hormonal contraceptive) | Women insert themselves | 1 month | Film would slowly release dapivirine and LNG as it dissolves | Pre-clinical |
| | Non-ARV/ nonhormonal contraceptive dual-purpose vaginal ring | Oak Crest Inst of Science (USA) | Vaginal ring (dual purpose) | Antiviral peptide (protein fragmen -non-ARV) soluble Adenylyl Cyclase (sAC) inhibitor (non-hormonal contraceptive) | Women insert themselves | 1 month | Antiviral shows activity against HSV & HPV-may be added benefit. sAC inhibitor affects sperm's ability to swim | MATRIX-003 – acceptability of 2 placebo rings (US & African sites) – deciding ring for first-in- human study of active product. |

MATRIX studies at a glance



MATRIX-001

- Phase 1 study of safety, drug distribution and acceptability of TAF/EVG fast-dissolving insert
- First Phase 1 in African women
- 3 sites: **Kenya**, South Africa, US
- Enrollment of 60 participants near complete
- Results expected 2025

MATRIX-004

• Phase 1 trial in development



MATRIX-002

- Placebo study of 2 prototype monthly vaginal films for acceptability, usability and safety
- To inform film design for first-inhuman trial of monthly dapivirine film
- 5 sites: **Kenya**, South Africa (2), US, Zimbabwe
- Enrollment of 100 participants near complete
- Results expected Q4 2024/Q1 2025

<u>MATRIX-006</u>

To be developed



MATRIX-003

- Placebo study of 2 prototype rings for safety and acceptability.
- To inform ring design for Phase 1 trials related to non-ARV / nonhormonal contraceptive monthly dual-purpose vaginal ring
- 5 sites: South Africa (3), US, Zimbabwe
- To enroll 100 participants
- Results expected 2025

MATRIX-005

Beginning to develop

MATRIX-007 (CARE-PrEP) study

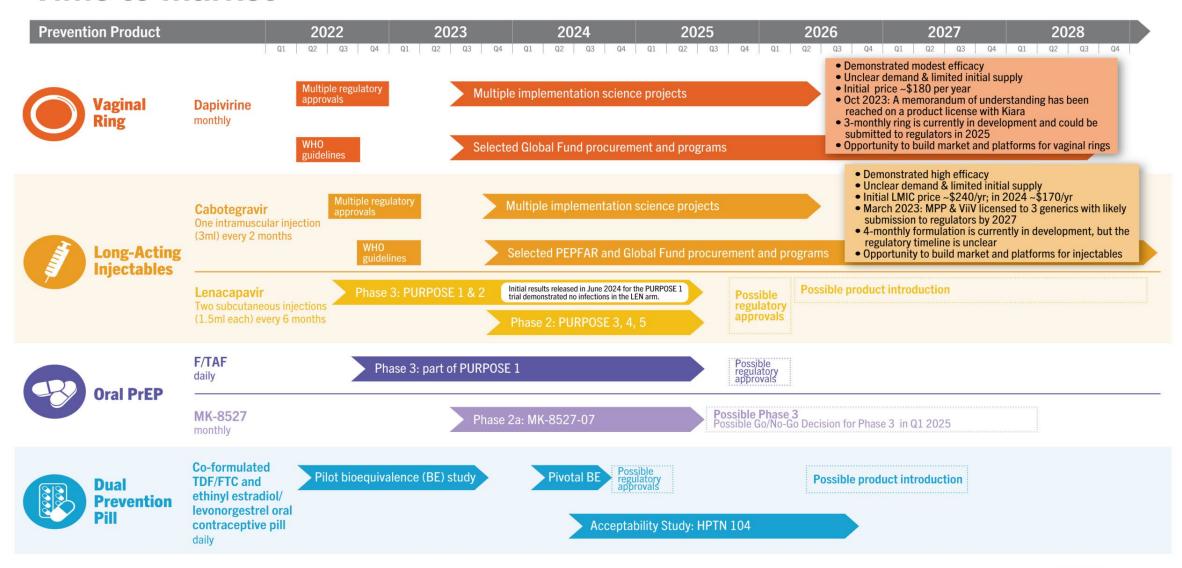


- Will enroll up to 800 participants in the CATALYST implementation study who become pregnant and opt to continue use of ARV-based prevention, as well as their infants
- Aims to contribute quality data on the safety of CAB-LA, dapivirine ring and oral PrEP during pregnancy – data on the use of CAB-LA is especially important
- To be conducted at sites in Kenya, Lesotho and Zimbabwe.
- Pending ethics and regulatory approvals, expect to begin screening and enrollment Oct 2024
- Study is expected to be completed 2026

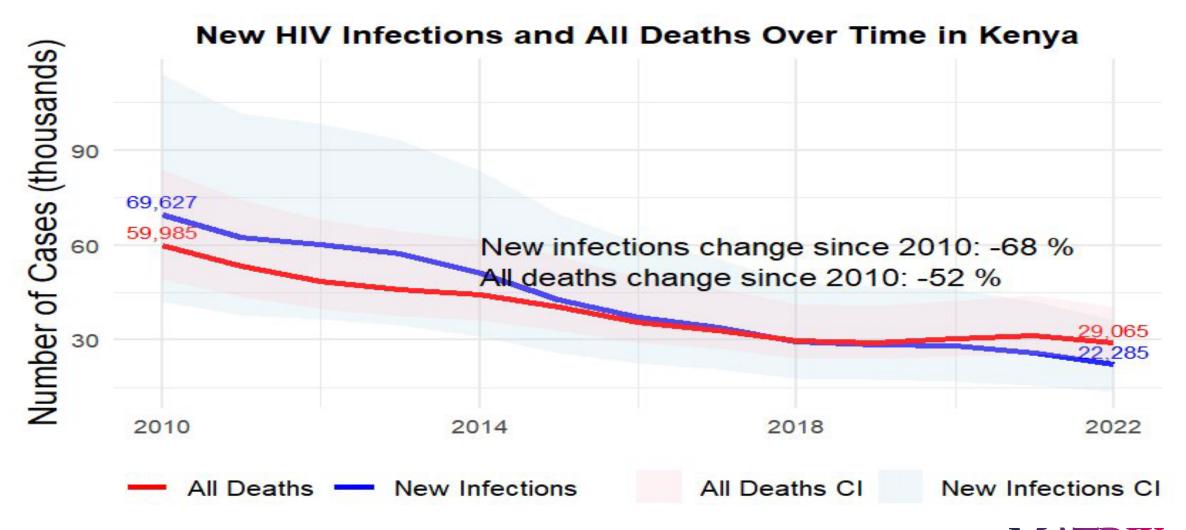
MATRIX is collaborating with the USAID-funded MOSAIC collaborative, drawing on the experience and expertise in this specialized area of research of team members from both programs, most notably as part of the NIH-funded Microbicide Trials Network

Years Ahead in HIV Prevention Research

Time to Market



HIV Epidemiological Trends from 2010-2022



STRATEGY 5: Institute Mechanisms for Rapid Introduction of New HIV Prevention Technologies and Program innovations



Priority Actions Include:

- Conduct annual consultative forums involving all stakeholders to review research evidence and rally support for introduction of new technologies and approaches.
- Develop policy and guidance and seek regulatory approvals to introduce new and approved prevention technology, including supply and distribution
- Conduct assessment with priority populations to understand their needs and preferred delivery modalities for new prevention technology.



Discussion

