

**Nuove opportunità di intervento profilattico e terapeutico nella lotta contro le malattie tropicali legate alla povertà.**

**Opening opportunities for new prophylactic and therapeutic interventions against neglected tropical diseases**

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New prophylactic and therapeutic interventions against neglected tropical diseases are urgently needed to control the spread of deadly infections and to cure affected patients.

A series of biological, scientific and socio-economic problems have hampered the development of effective vaccines or new drugs against resistant microorganisms. Access to treatment is still a main issue in many Developing Countries.

An analysis of the present situation and of the future opportunities, mainly related to malaria infections will be presented and discussed.