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Dr. Ma has been the Head of Research of the Global Alliance for TB Drug Development since 2004, where he is responsible for both drug discovery and preclinical development programs. A medicinal chemist by training, Dr. Ma was formerly Head of Chemistry at Cumbre Inc., a biotechnology firm specializing in antibacterial drug discovery research. Prior to his experience at Cumbre, Dr. Ma was at Abbott Laboratories for eight years, where he, as Senior Group Leader and Associate Research Fellow in Volwiler Society, led various anti-bacterial medicinal chemistry programs.

In 1997, he received the Chairman's Award for the discovery of Cethromycin, a novel macrolide/ketolide antibiotic currently under FDA review for the final approval.

A native of northeastern China, Dr. Ma studied Chemistry at Beijing University, and holds a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from the University of Connecticut, Storrs. The holder of more than 40 U.S. patents and patent applications, Dr. Ma has also authored and co-authored more than 80 peer-reviewed articles and meeting presentations.