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Programmatic management of latent TB infection: Global perspective and updates

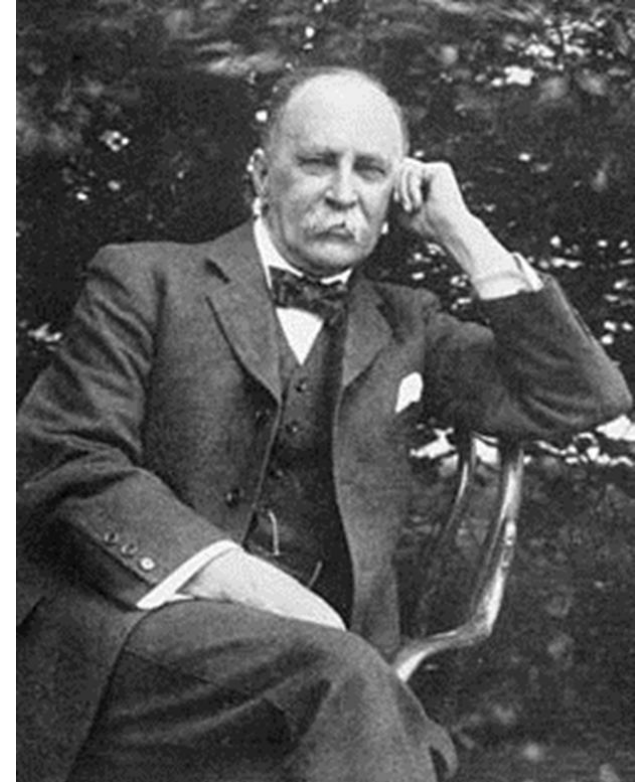
 **GLOBAL TB**
PROGRAMME

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What is latent TB infection?

A state of persistent immune response to stimulation by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* antigens without evidence of clinically manifested active TB

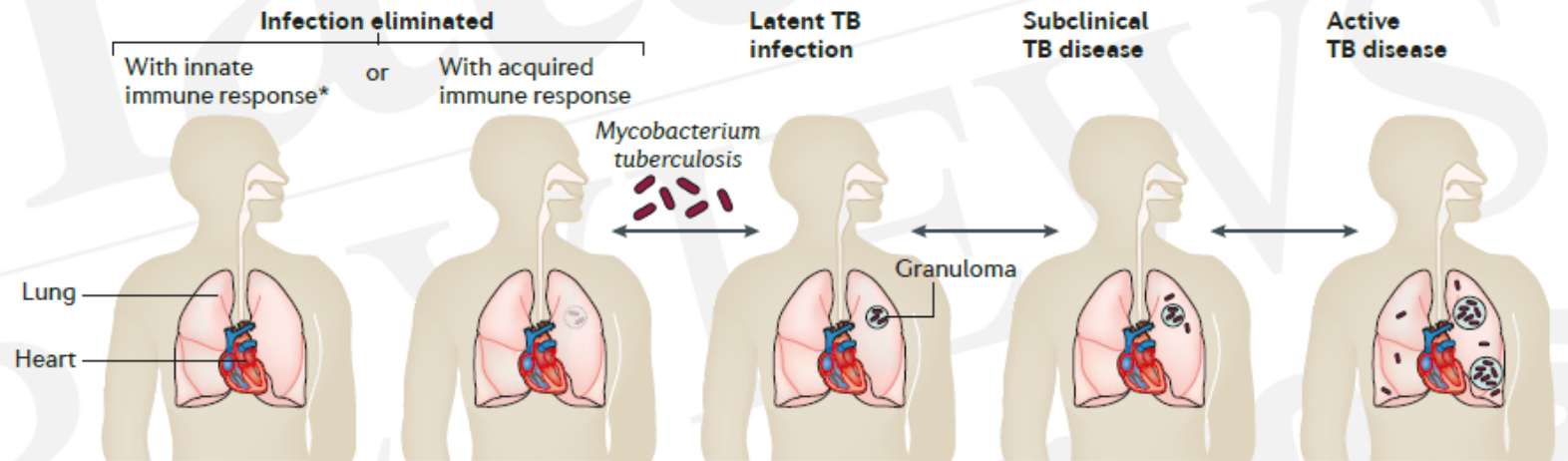
No gold standard test to diagnose LTBI



“Seedbeds of tuberculosis in the community”

William Osler

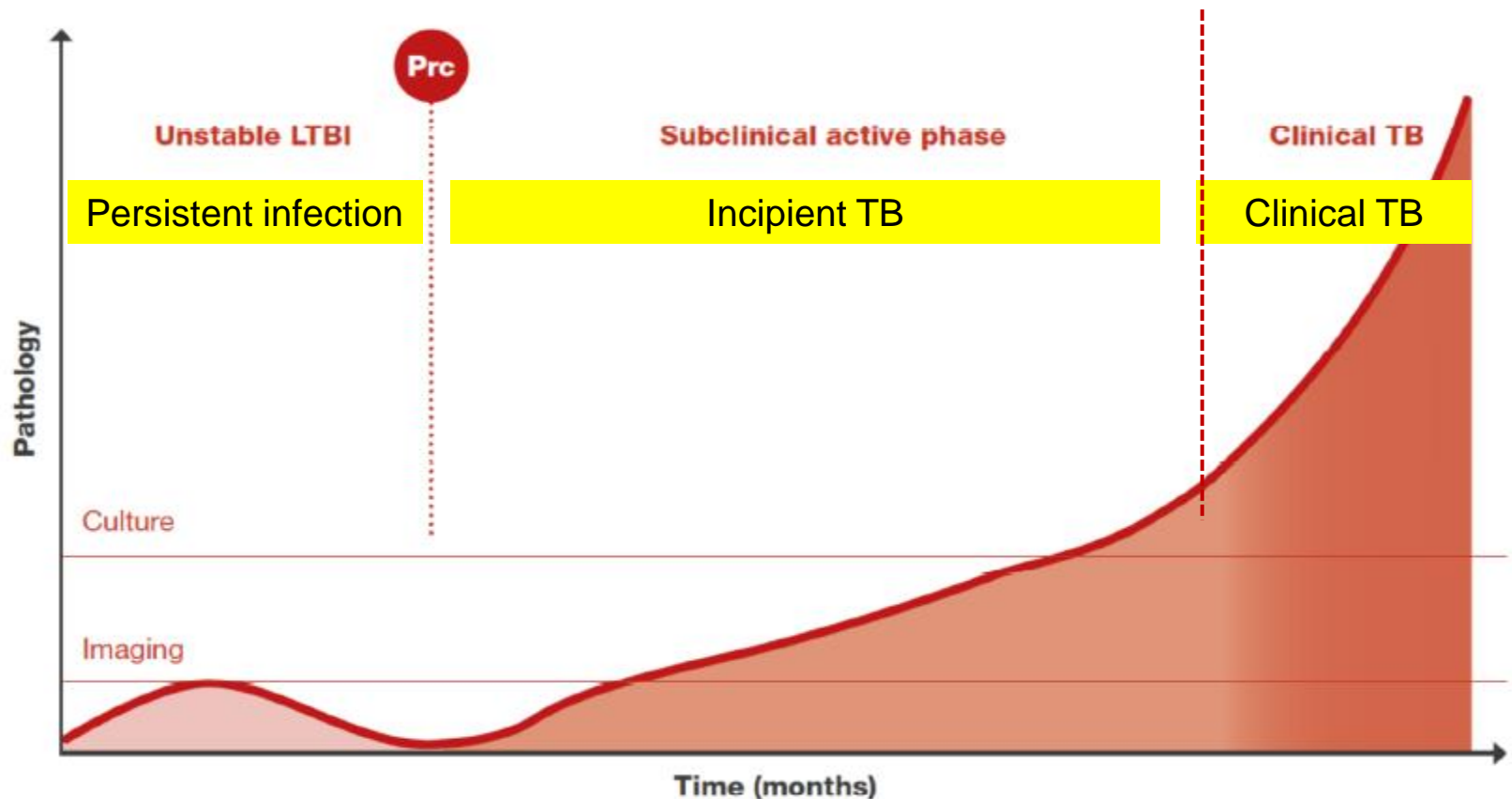
LTBI is part of Spectrum of TB disease



TST	Negative	Positive	Positive	Positive	Usually positive
IGRA	Negative	Positive	Positive	Positive	Usually positive
Culture	Negative	Negative	Negative	Intermittently positive	Positive
Smear	Negative	Negative	Negative	Usually negative	Positive or negative
Infectious	No	No	No	Sporadically	Yes
Symptoms	None	None	None	Mild or none	Mild to severe
Preferred treatment	None	None	Preventive therapy	Multidrug therapy	Multidrug therapy

LTBI test concept: persistent infection and incipient TB

Figure 1. The postulated spectrum of TB infection and the progression to active TB disease (adapted from Esmail *et al.* 2014)



Predicts that disease cannot happen because there is no persistent infection

"Persistent infection test"

Predicts that disease occurs because it has already started...

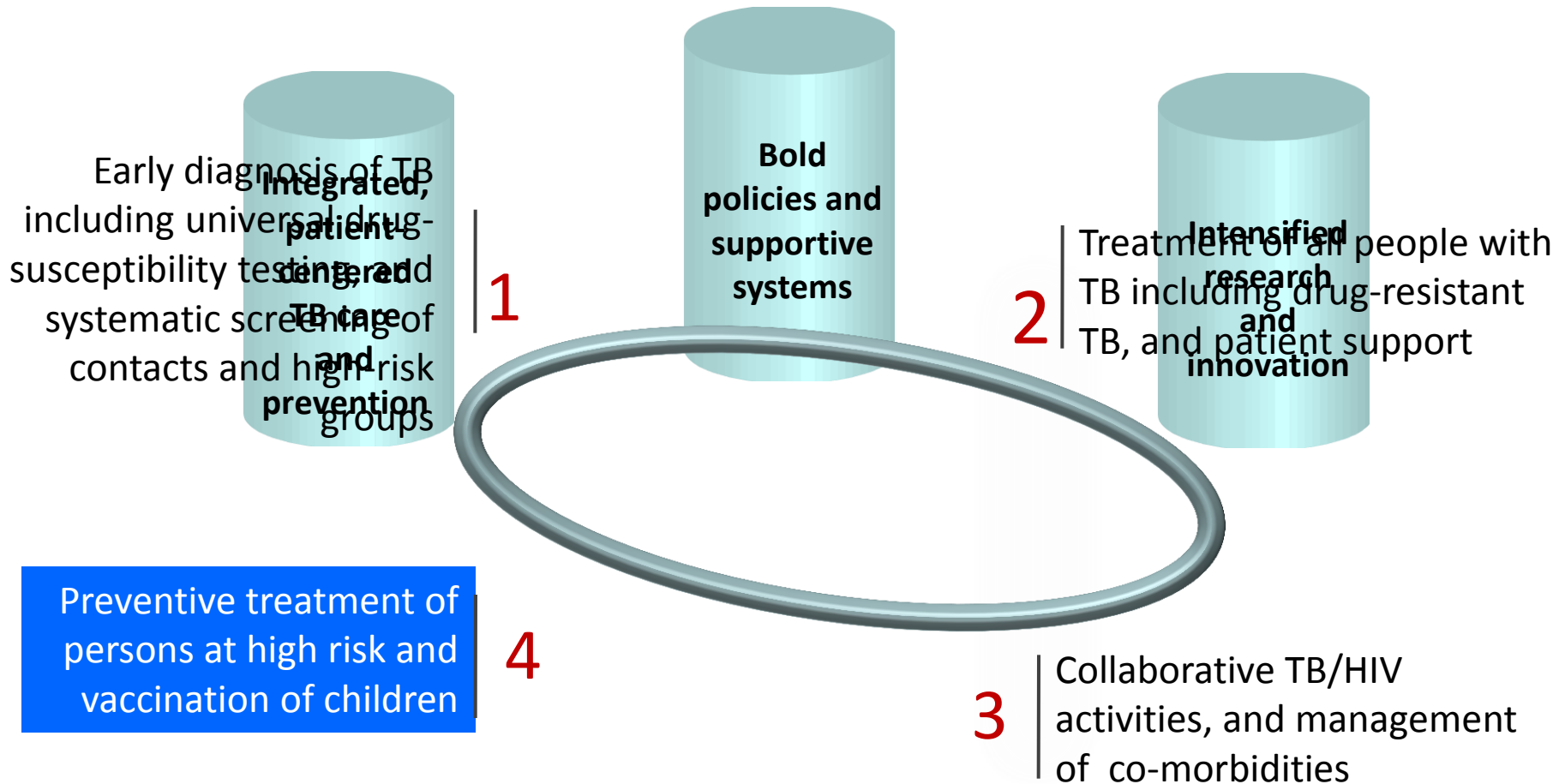
"Incipient TB test"

Esmail *et al* 2014

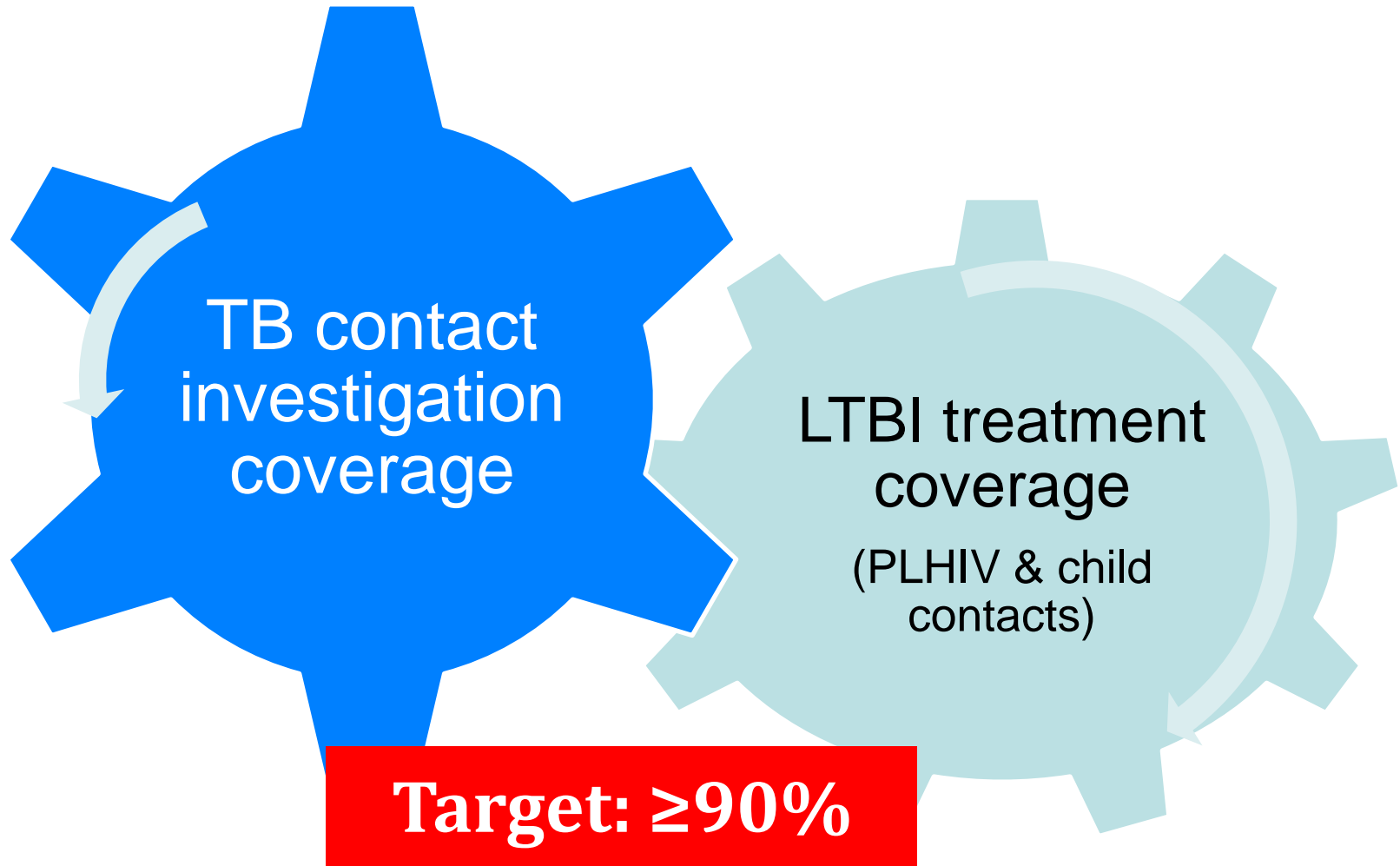
Cobelens *et al* 2016

WHO End TB Strategy

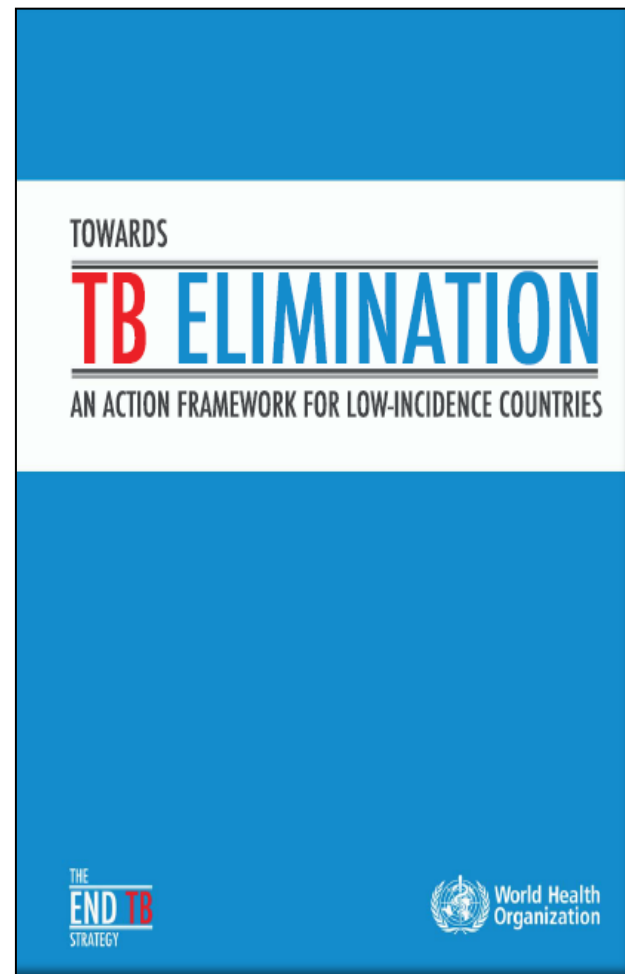
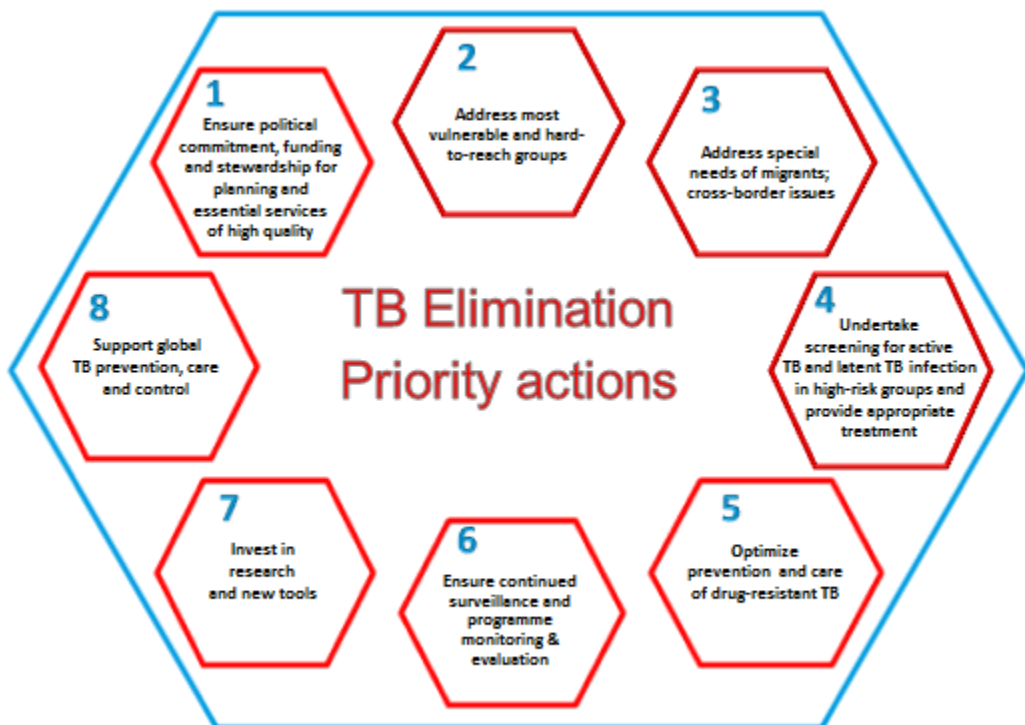
TARGETS: 90% reduction of deaths and 80% reduction in incidence by 2030



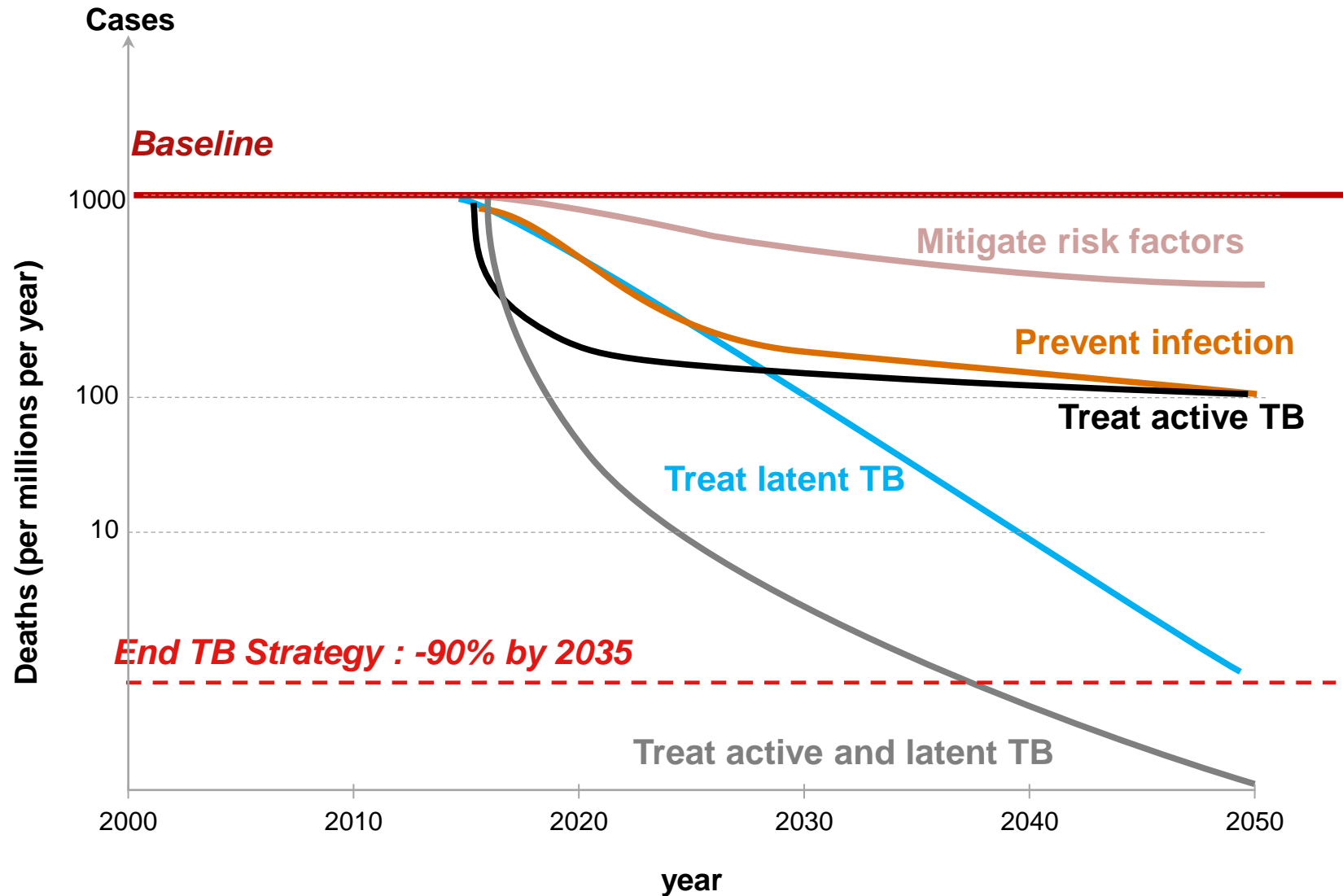
Two of 10 indicators to monitor the implementation of the End TB Strategy



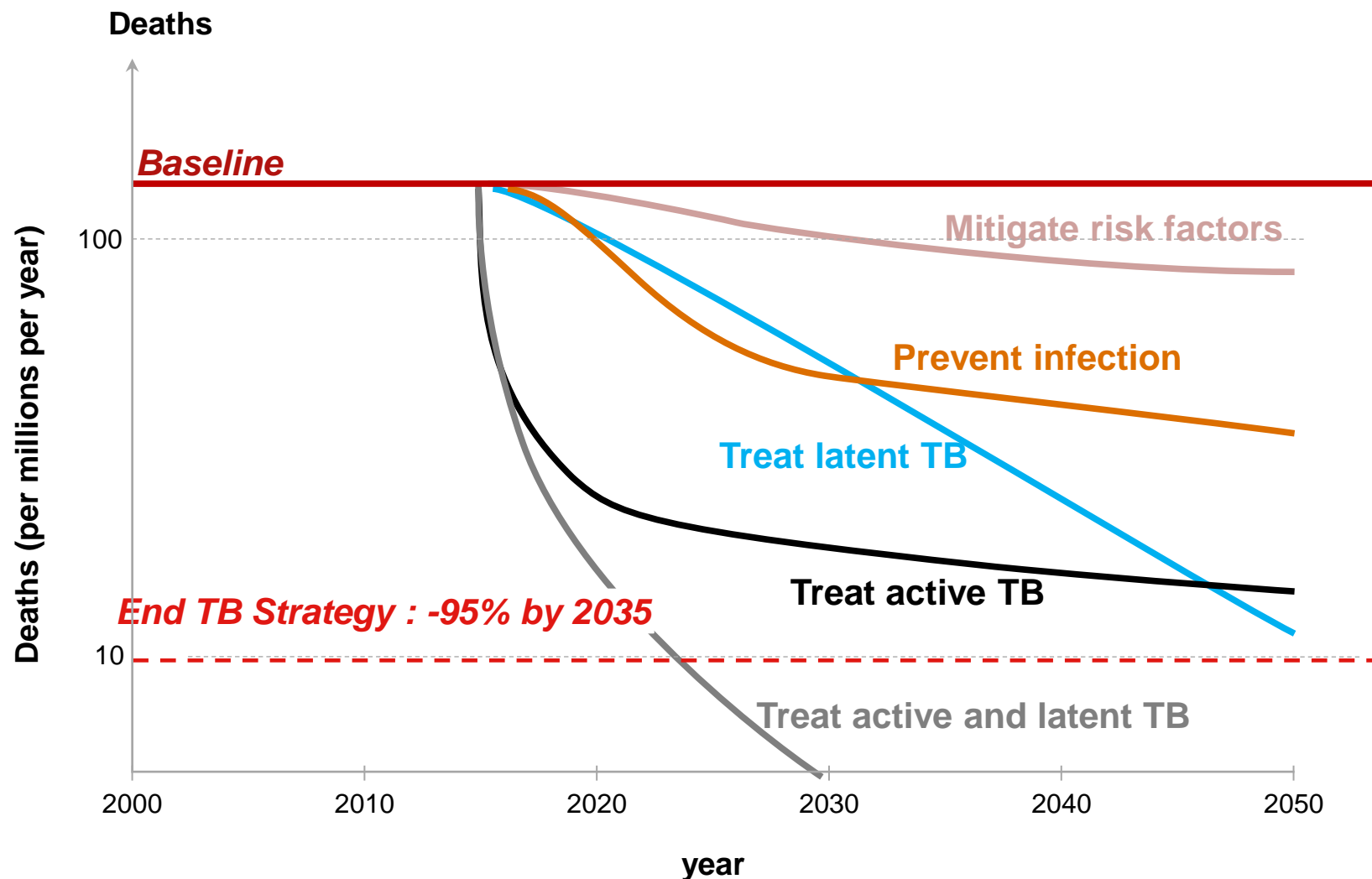
LTBI management- priority action for TB elimination



LTBI management contributes to the End TB Strategy targets (Incidence of TB)



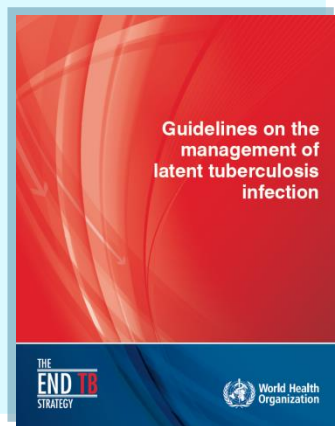
LTBI management contributes to the End TB Strategy targets (Deaths)



Two-prong policy based on TB burden and income: Recommended risk groups

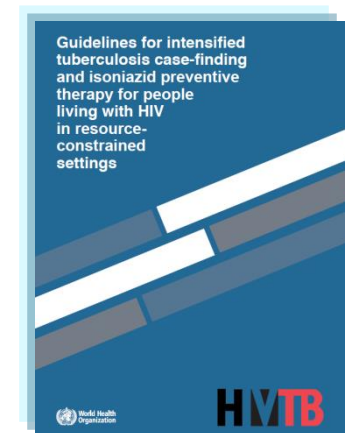
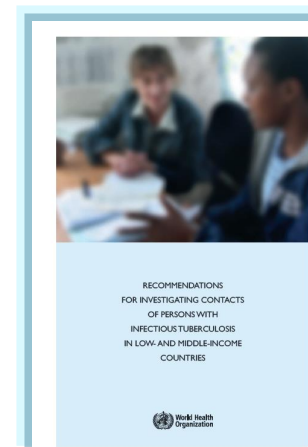
Low-TB burden

TB incidence <100 per 100,000
UMICs and HICs



High-TB burden

- TB incidence >100 per 100,000
- LICs and LMICs



Strong

- Child and adult contacts
- PLHIV
- Transplant patients
- Silicosis patients
- Dialysis patients
- Anti-TNF patients

Conditional

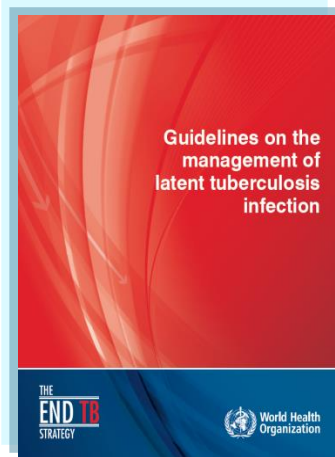
- Prisoners
- HCW
- Immigrants from HBC
- Homeless persons
- Illicit drug users

- PLHIV
- Household child contacts (<5y)

LTBI testing recommendation based on burden and income

Low-TB burden

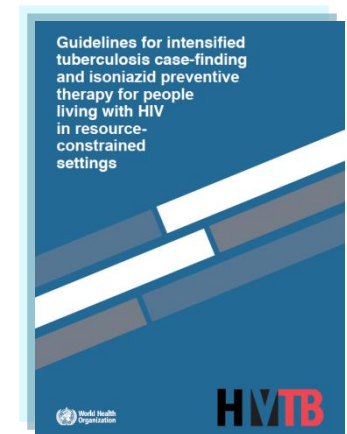
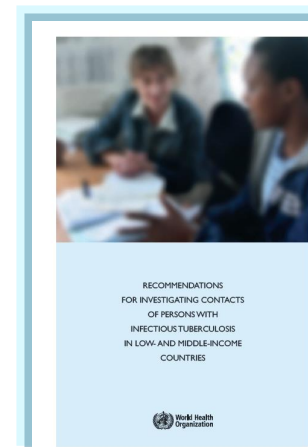
TB incidence <100 per 100,000
UMICs and HICs



- LTBI testing (TST and/or IGRA) and a positive test is required
- Exclude active TB according to national guidelines

High-TB burden

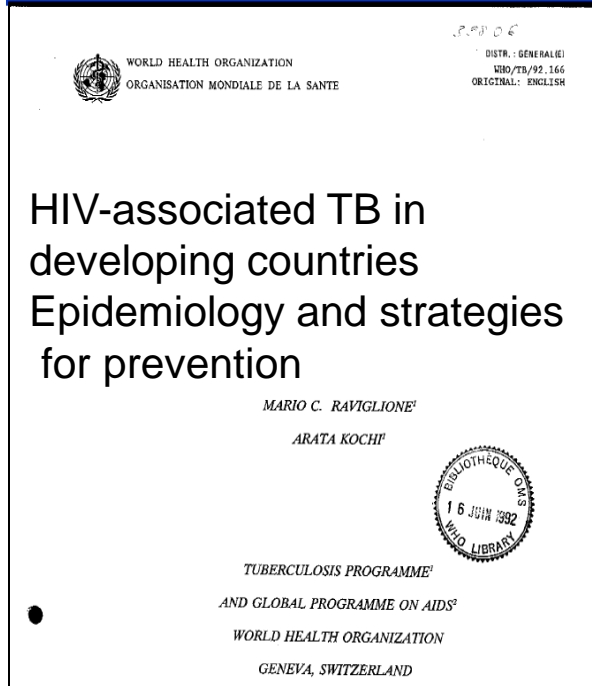
- TB incidence >100 per 100,000
- LICs and LMICs



- LTBI testing (TST and/or IGRA) not a requirement
- TST is encouraged in PLHIV
- IGRA should not replace TST
- Exclude active TB with investigations according to national guidelines

Isoniazid preventive therapy has been recommended for PLHIV and child contacts for ages

WHO



1992

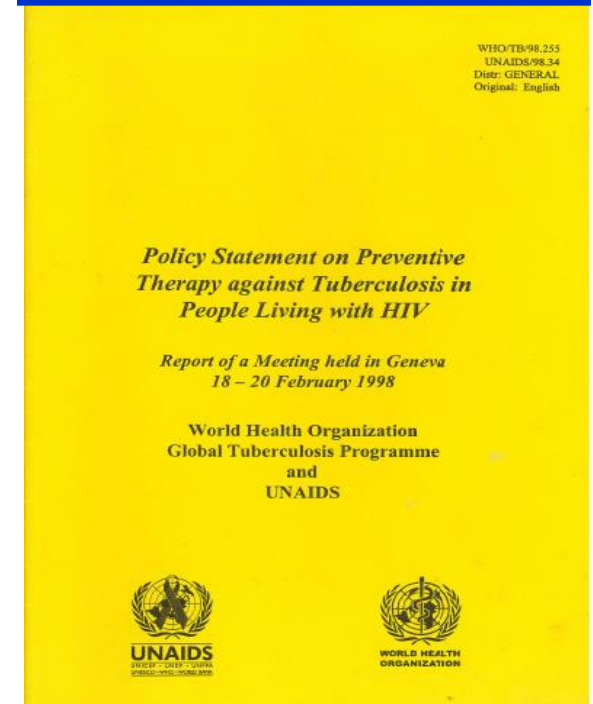
WHO & Union

Tuberculosis preventive
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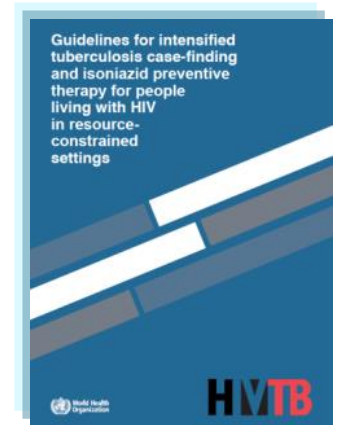
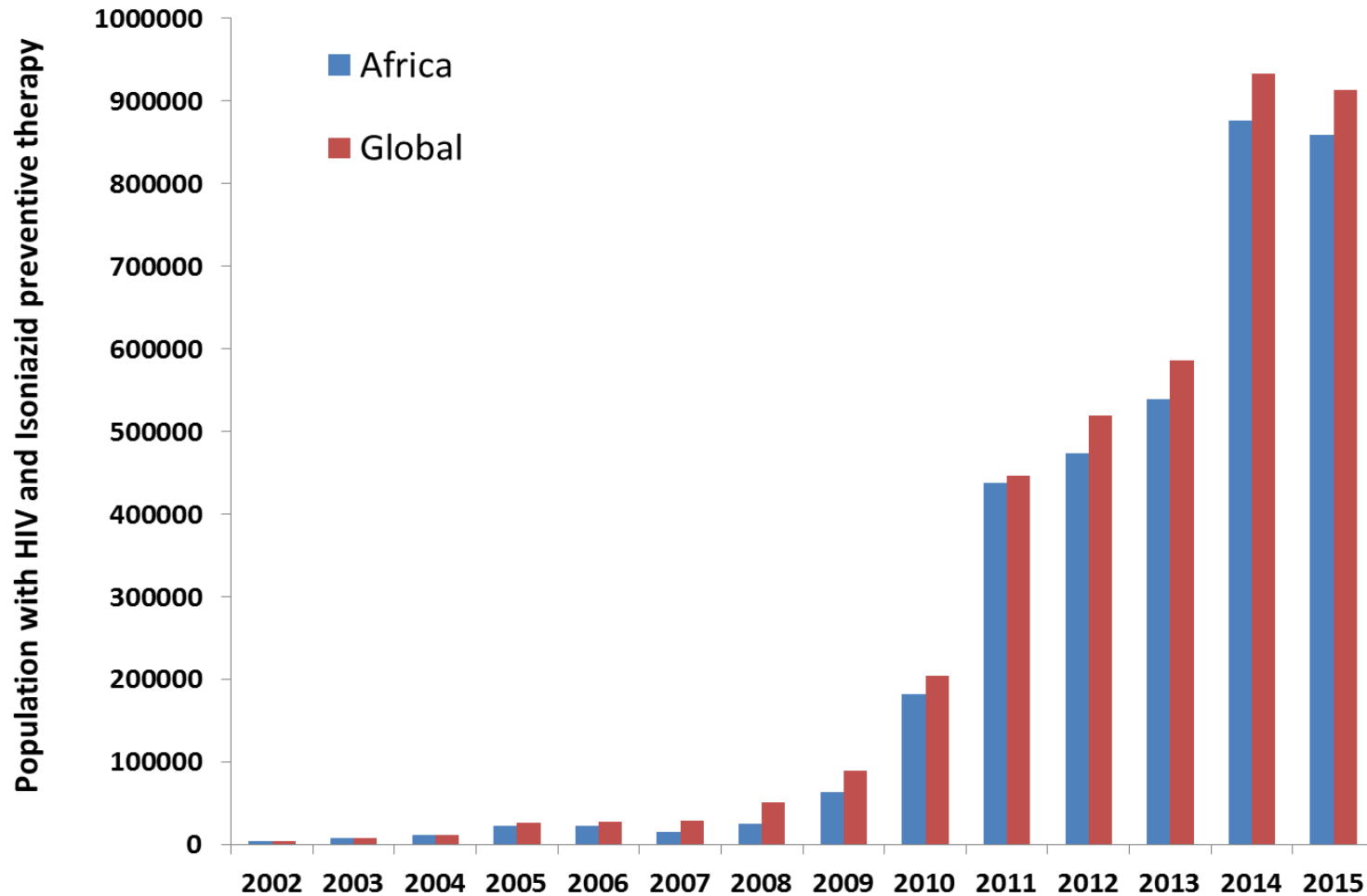
1993

WHO & UNAIDS



1998

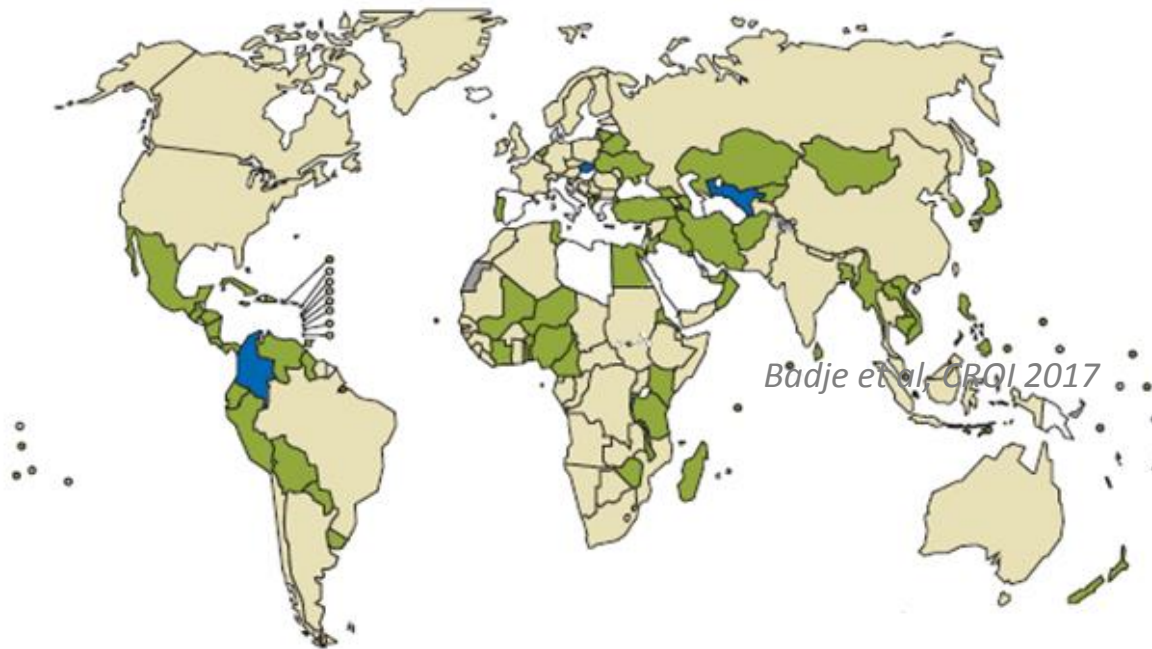
Progress of implementation of IPT in PLHIV



Nearly 1M
PLHIV
received IPT
in 2015

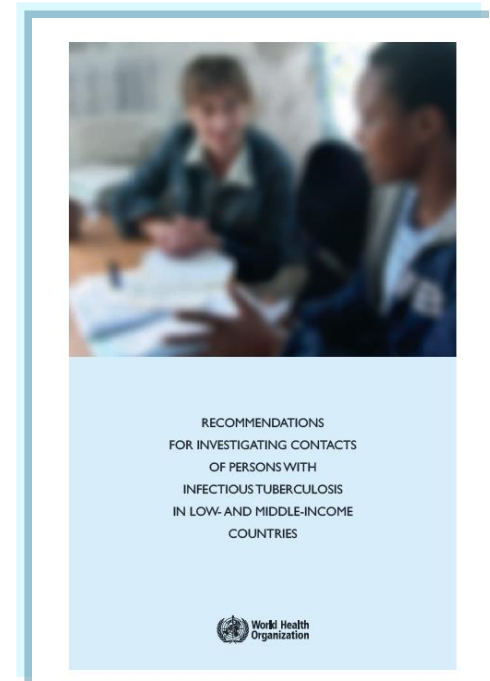
Only 57 countries report implementation in 2015

Preventive treatment for child household contacts <5yrs



- Country response
- Number available from routine surveillance
 - Number estimated from a survey
 - Number not available
 - No response
 - Not applicable

Availability of data on preventive treatment among child household contacts < 5years, 2015



87,000 (7% of estimated eligible) in 88 countries received PT

Challenges

Implementation of isoniazid preventive therapy for people living with HIV worldwide: barriers and solutions

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Policies and practices on the programmatic management of latent tuberculous infection: global survey

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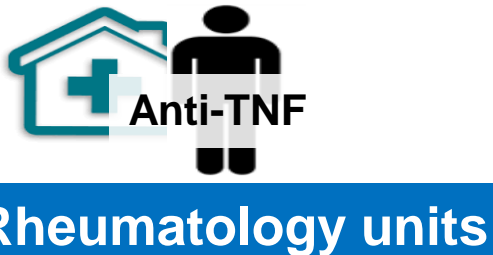
Key barriers for TB prevention scale up

- Does it really work?
 - Reluctance of programme managers and health workers
 - Are we not doing harm?
- Difficulty to exclude active TB and drug resistance fear
 - Inadvertent mono-treatment
- Operational barriers
 - Poor adherence of clients
 - Access to INH and who owns it

Risk of drug resistance following LTBI treatment

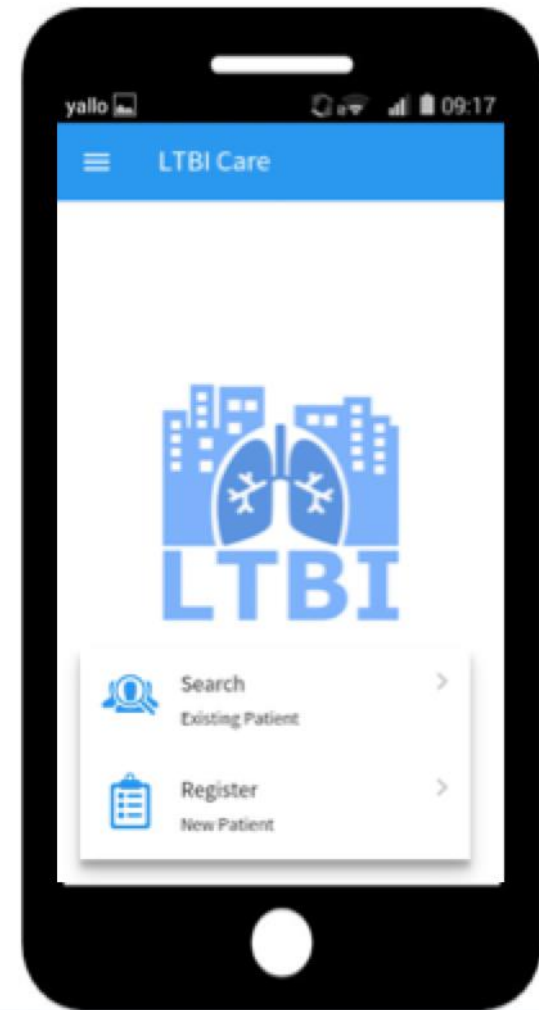
- No significant association of risk of drug resistance.
 - INH – RR (95%CI) = 1.45 (0.85,2.47)
 - Rifamycin – RR (95%CI) = 1.12 (0.41,3.08)

Challenge: multiple service provider units with no harmonisation of data and practice



LTBI digital tool key characteristics

- Free – downloadable from WHO website
- Adaptable - to country specific context and needs
- Functional - on mobile devices
- Flexible - record data off line and synchronise later and use local server



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QxJknYG53jM>

Report of the Global Consultation on the Programmatic Management of Latent Tuberculosis Infection

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Seoul, Republic of Korea



Support the
harmonization of policy
recommendations
across countries,
regardless of the burden
of TB.

Consolidated and updated LTBI guidelines



Consolidated WHO LTBI guidelines - 2017

Seven PICO questions examined for high burden countries

- Preventive treatment for HIV negative household contacts
- Screening to exclude TB in HIV negative household contacts
- Accuracy of WHO 4 symptomatic to exclude TB in PLHIV on ART
- IGRA as alternative to tuberculin skin tests
- 3 month daily rifampicin plus INH for children and adolescents
- 3-month weekly rifapentine and INH as an alternative to IPT
- Preventive treatment recommendation for MDR-TB contacts

Conclusions

- Programmatic management of LTBI is essential component of End TB Strategy and TB elimination
- Research for best test and treatment should be integral to the programmatic implementation
- WHO guidelines are being updated and large scale changes anticipated

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