

Current and future technical options for the diagnosis of drug resistant tuberculosis.

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The WHO End TB Strategy

The End TB Strategy at a glance

| | | | | |
|--|---|------|----------------|-------------|
| VISION | A WORLD FREE OF TB — zero deaths, disease and suffering due to TB | | | |
| GOAL | END THE GLOBAL TB EPIDEMIC | | | |
| INDICATORS | MILESTONES | | TARGETS | |
| | 2020 | 2025 | SDG 2030* | END TB 2035 |
| Percentage reduction in the absolute number of TB deaths (compared with 2015 baseline) | 35% | 75% | 90% | 95% |
| Percentage reduction in the TB incidence rate (compared with 2015 baseline) | 20% | 50% | 80% | 90% |
| Percentage of TB-affected households experiencing catastrophic costs due to TB (level in 2015 unknown) | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |

PRINCIPLES

1. Government stewardship and accountability, with monitoring and evaluation
2. Strong coalition with civil society organizations and communities
3. Protection and promotion of human rights, ethics and equity
4. Adaptation of the strategy and targets at country level, with global collaboration

PILLARS AND COMPONENTS

1. INTEGRATED, PATIENT-CENTRED CARE AND PREVENTION

- A. Early diagnosis of TB including universal drug-susceptibility testing, and systematic screening of contacts and high-risk groups
- B. Treatment of all people with TB including drug-resistant TB, and patient support
- C. Collaborative TB/HIV activities, and management of comorbidities
- D. Preventive treatment of persons at high risk, and vaccination against TB

2. BOLD POLICIES AND SUPPORTIVE SYSTEMS

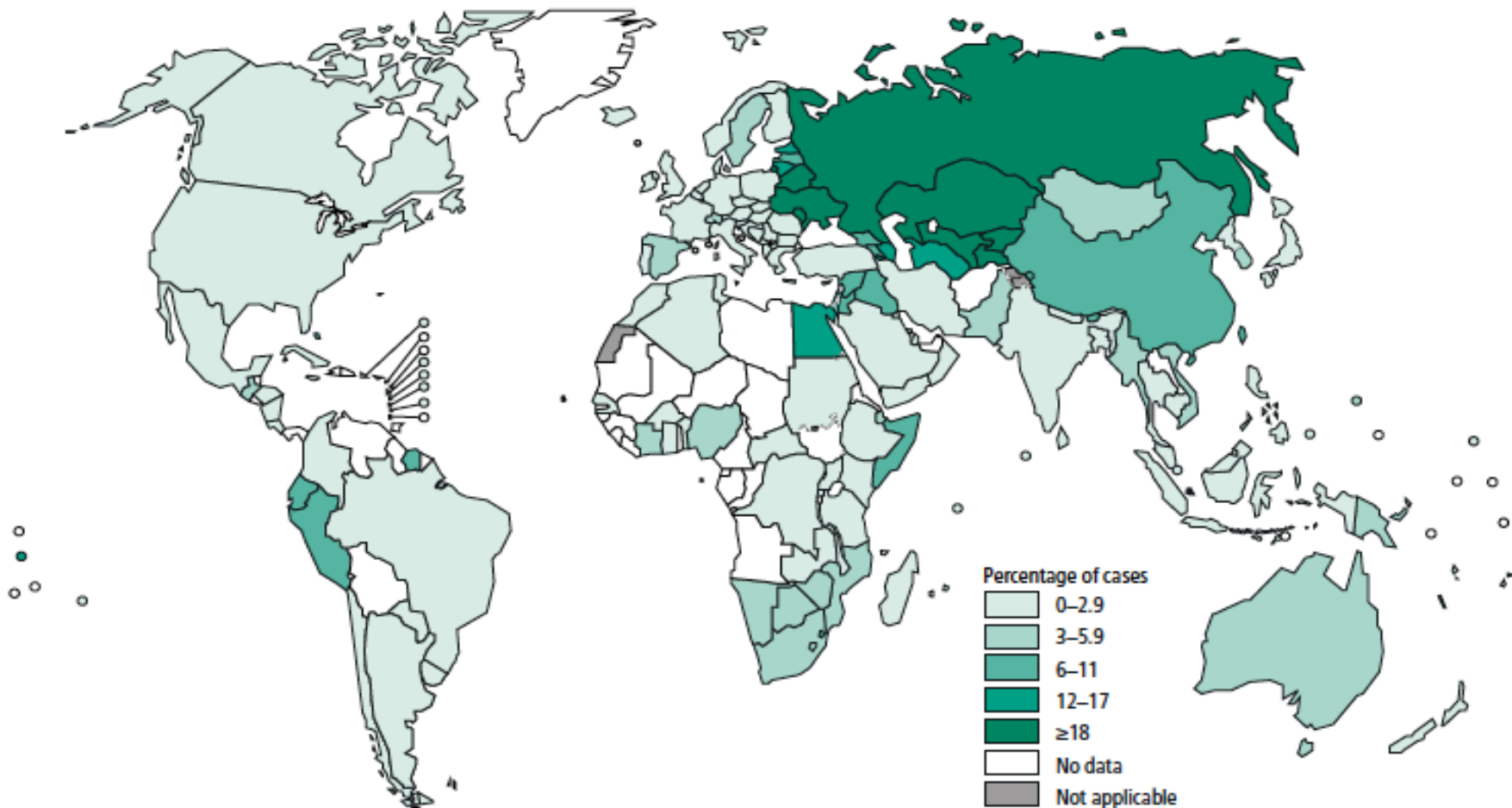
- A. Political commitment with adequate resources for TB care and prevention
- B. Engagement of communities, civil society organizations, and public and private care providers
- C. Universal health coverage policy, and regulatory frameworks for case notification, vital registration, quality and rational use of medicines, and infection control
- D. Social protection, poverty alleviation and actions on other determinants of TB

3. INTENSIFIED RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

- A. Discovery, development and rapid uptake of new tools, interventions and strategies
- B. Research to optimize implementation and impact, and promote innovations

% of new TB cases which are MDR/RR

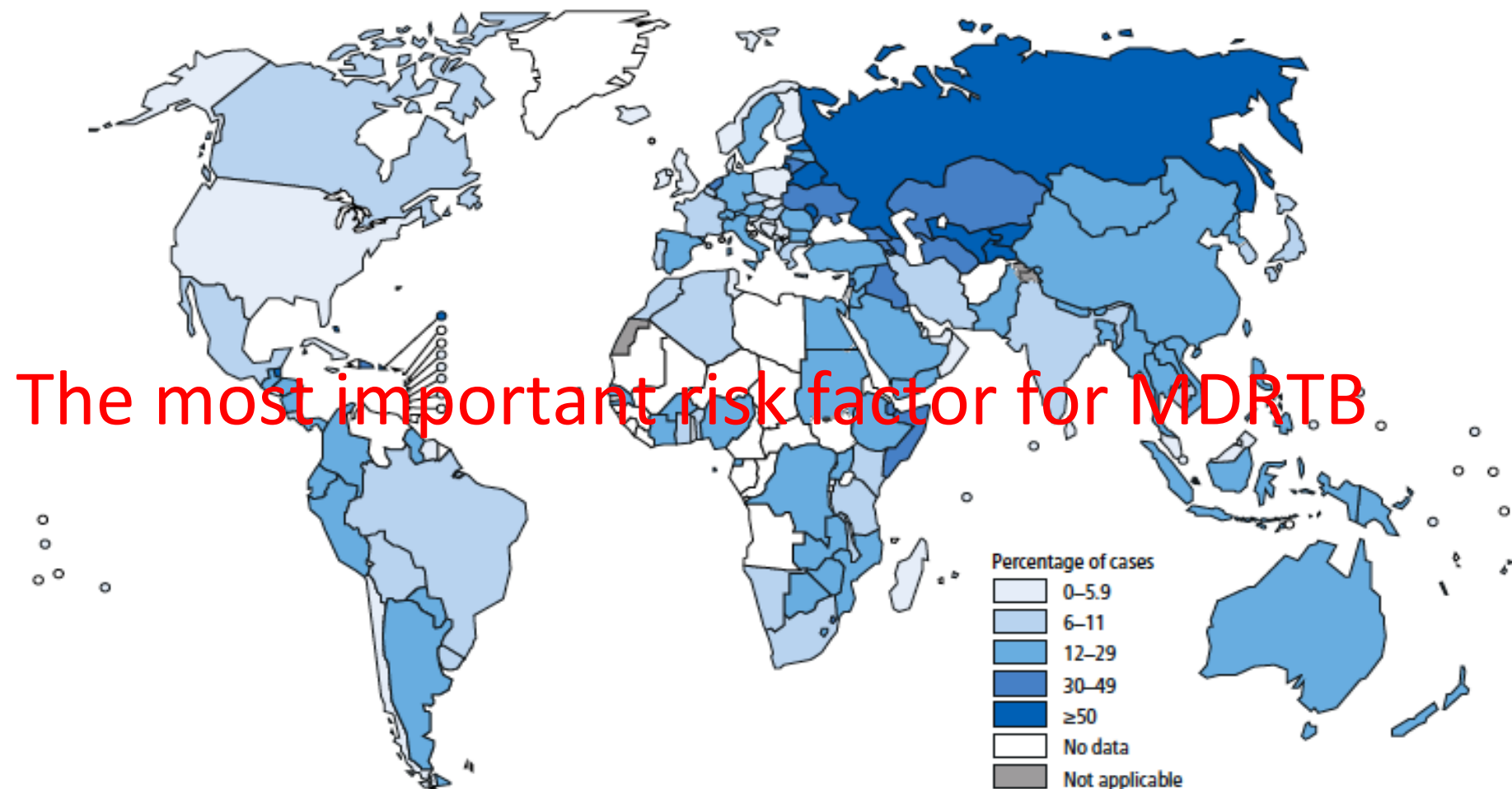
Percentage of new TB cases with MDR/RR-TB^a



^a Figures are based on the most recent year for which data have been reported, which varies among countries. Data reported before 2002 are not shown.

% of previously treated TB cases which are MDR/RR

Percentage of previously treated TB cases with MDR/RR-TB^a



^a Figures are based on the most recent year for which data have been reported, which varies among countries. Data reported before 2002 are not shown. The high percentages of previously treated TB cases with MDR-TB in Bahamas, Belize, French Polynesia, Puerto Rico and Sao Tomé and Príncipe refer to only a small number of notified cases

MDR cases: importance of cases as well as rates

Estimated incidence of MDR/RR-TB in 2016, for countries with at least 1000 incident cases



Different numbers as important as rates eg Estonia vs Russia

Know MDRTB infection rate

In 2016, global coverage for rifampicin resistance testing= 33% for new TB patients and 60% for previously treated TB patients, So 41% overall (up from 31% in 2015).

Why? Surveillance

Public Health

Clinical

Argument 10 years ago eg Paul Farmer

WHO High MDRTB Burden countries (n=30)

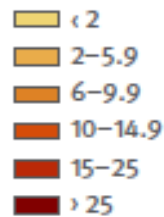
The top 20 by estimated absolute number:

Bangladesh
China
DPR Korea
DR Congo
Ethiopia
India
Indonesia
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Mozambique
Myanmar
Nigeria
Pakistan
Philippines
Russian Federation
South Africa
Thailand
Ukraine
Uzbekistan
Viet Nam

Additional 10 by estimated rate per 100 000 population and minimum number of 1000 cases per year (in alphabetical order):

Angola
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Kyrgyzstan
Papua New Guinea
Peru
Republic of Moldova
Somalia
Tajikistan
Zimbabwe
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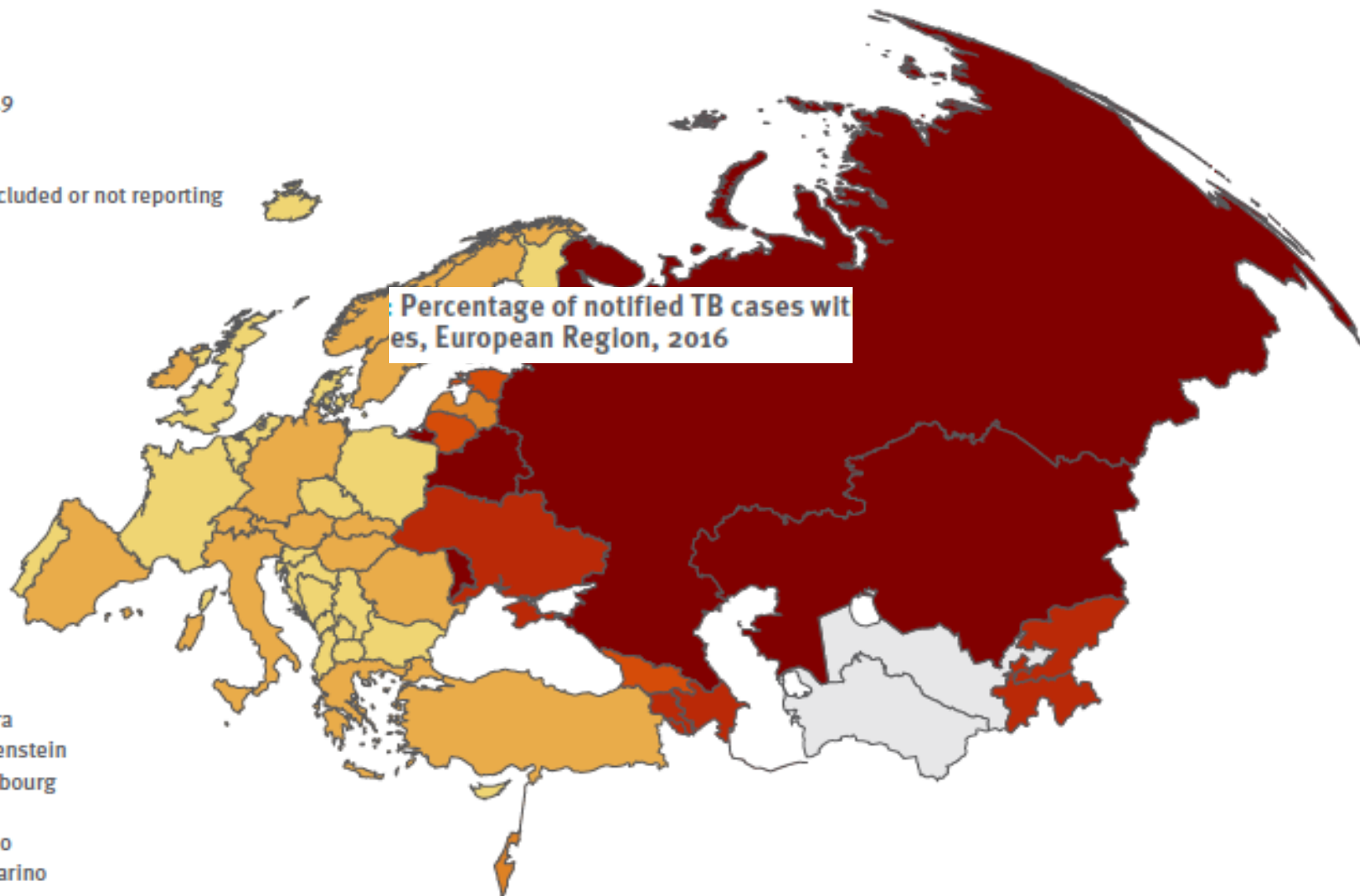
Euro: % Notified Pulmonary TB cases proven to have MDRTB (lab testing)



Not included or not reporting

Percentage of notified TB cases with MDRTB, European Region, 2016

Andorra
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Malta
Monaco
San Marino



MDR-TB in E Europe

- 9 of 30 of world's highest MDR-TB burden countries are in Eastern Europe/Central Asia:
- In 2015, an estimated 16% of people newly diagnosed TB and 48% of people previously treated for TB had multi-drug resistant TB (MDR-TB), accounting for an estimated 74,000 cases.

WHO Target Product Profiles and molecular testing

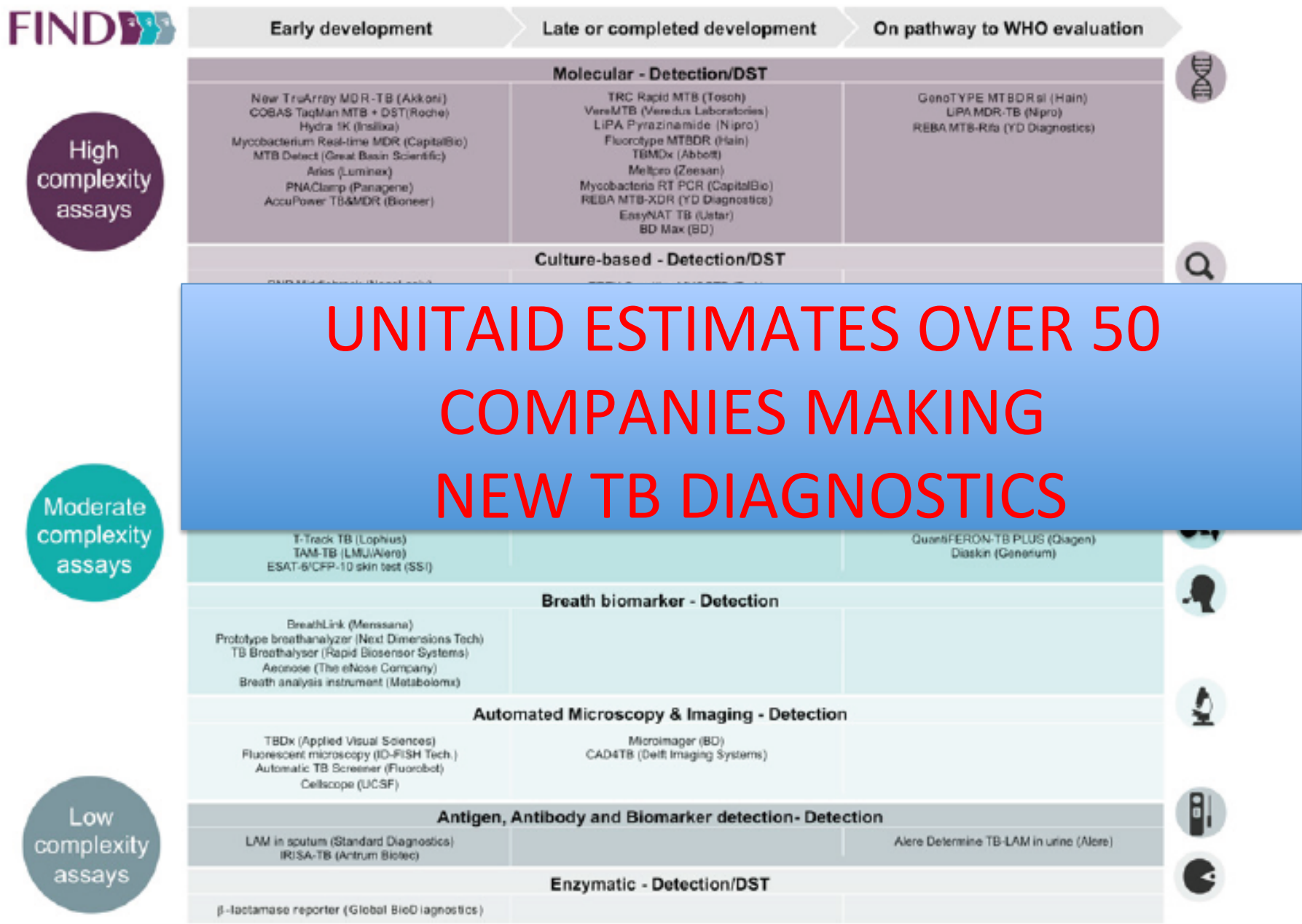
WHO target product profiles for new molecular assays for M. tuberculosis require more than 90% sensitivity and 95% specificity.

(High-priority target product profiles for new tuberculosis diagnostics: report of a consensus meeting. Geneva: World Health Organization, 2014 (http://www.who.int/tb/publications/tpp_report/en/))

New approach: international organisations, NGOs, Industry

- Global need: about active TB, not latent TB
- Molecular tests endorsed by WHO:
- Have tools that rapidly (within 1 day):
- Line probe assays (TB, RIF, INH from sputum eg
- Genotype MTBDRplus
- GenXpert (TB, RIF from sputum)
- LAMP, WGS
- DIAGNOSTIC TARGET PRODUCT PROFILES
- ...and other samples
- ...UK and most of the EU/EEA >90% MTB is drug susceptible...

Figure 4. Current FIND TB diagnostics pipeline listing the development phases and the types of technologies in development or evaluation



MTB susceptibility testing on LJ



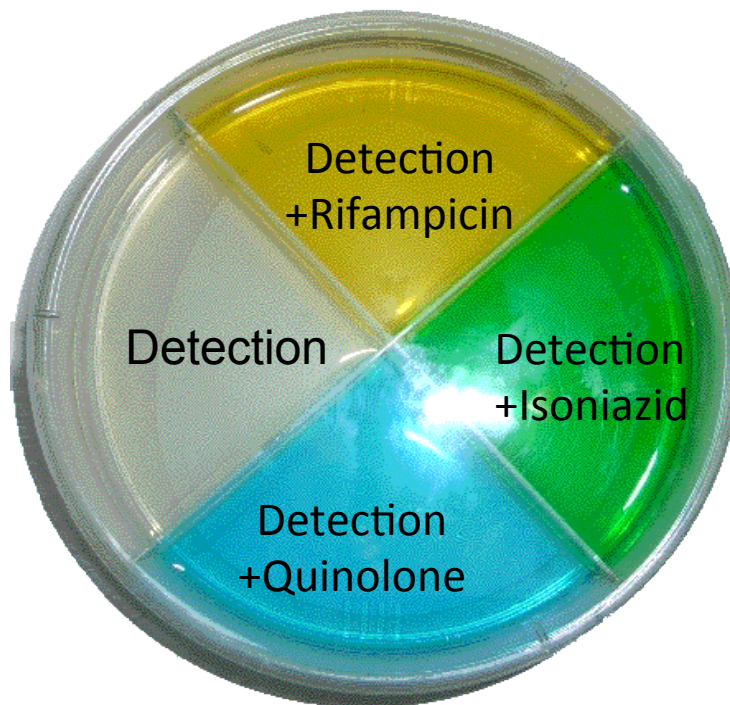
1: Add

Add disinfectant
to sputum pot &
wait ~20-60
minutes



2: Transfer

Use disposable pipette to apply directly
to selective thin layer agar plate.
Permanently seal & incubate in air



3: Inspect

Glance at plate
2-3x/week
for 3-4 weeks
then discard



Evaluation of MGIT 960-Based Antimicrobial Testing and Determination of Critical Concentrations of First- and Second-Line Antimicrobial Drugs with Drug-Resistant Clinical Strains of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

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Multicenter Laboratory Validation of the BACTEC MGIT 960 Technique for Testing Susceptibilities of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* to Classic Second-Line Drugs and Newer Antimicrobials

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Different molecular methods

- Cobas Amplicor TB Roche- PCR 16sRNA
- MTD Gen-Probe TMA of rRNA
- BD ProbeTec SDA IS6110, 16sRNA
- Eiken LAMP Isothermal amplification +uv fluorescence
- Artus Realart Real time PCR
- +DST
- Innolipa RifTB
- Hain Lifesciences MTBDRPlus
- Cepheid GeneXpert

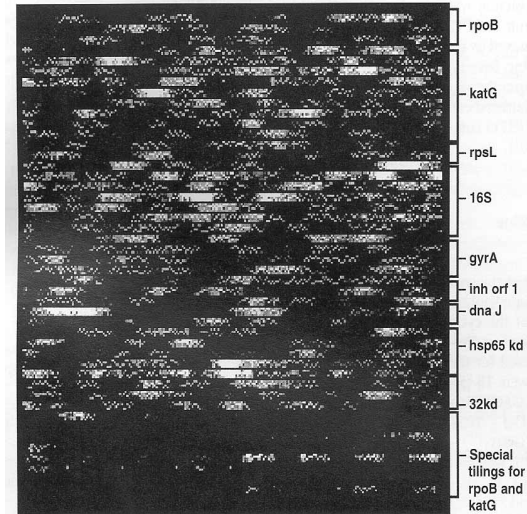
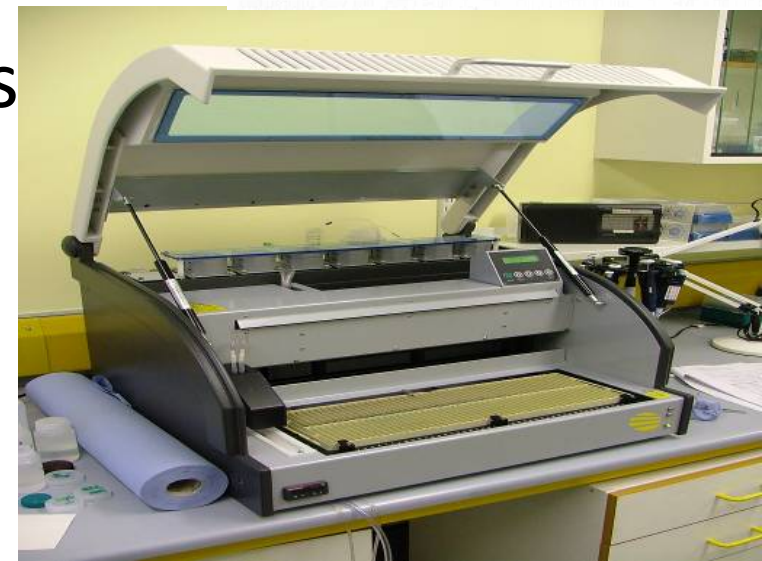


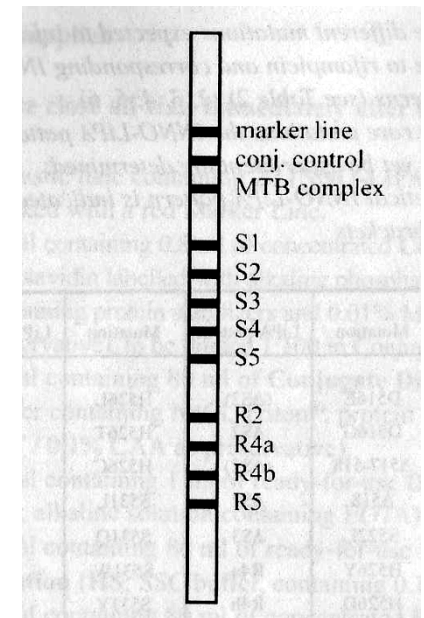
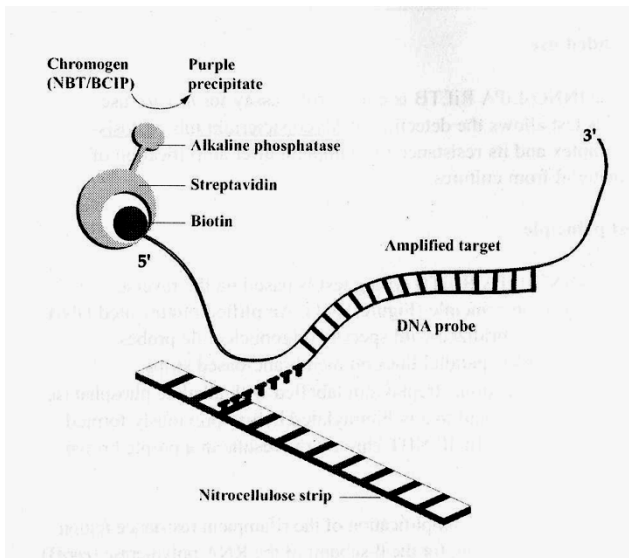
Figure 6 A high-density oligonucleotide array used to genotype 731 bp of *rpoB*, 2286 bp of *katG*, 356 bp of *rpsL*, 1683 bp of 16S, 731 bp of *gyrA*, 281 bp of *inh orf 1*, 341 bp of *hsp 65 kd*, 1097 bp of *dnaJ*, and 1279 bp of 32 Kd genes. Additionally, specific insertion, deletions, and missense mutations in *rpoB* and *katG* are interrogated by the alternative allele-specific oligonucleotide probes at the bottom of the chip.



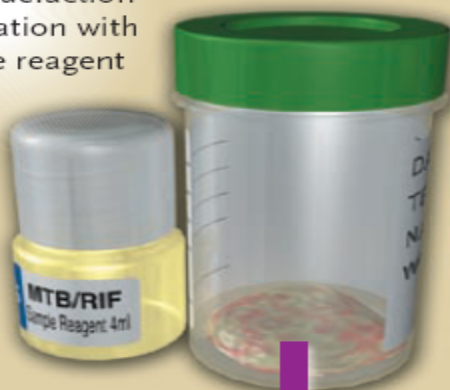
Rapid diagnosis of resistance to RIF and INH: molecular line-probe assays



- DNA extraction from cultures and **clinical specimens (sputum)**;
- PCR amplification of fragments of genes associated with drug resistance;
- Hybridization with the DNA probes on membranes;
- Development, reading and interpretation of results



1
Sputum liquefaction
and inactivation with
2:1 sample reagent



2
Transfer of
2 ml material
into test cartridge



3
Cartridge inserted into
MTB-RIF test platform
(end of hands-on work)

4
Sample
automatically
filtered and
washed

5
Ultrasonic lysis
of filter-captured
organisms to
release DNA

6
DNA molecules
mixed with dry
PCR reagents

7
Seminested
real-time
amplification
and detection
in integrated
reaction tube

8
Print
test result



Figure 2. Assay Procedure for the MTB/RIF Test.

Cepheid GeneExpert NEJM

2/3 samples randomly processed with *NALC and NaOH before microscopy, solid and liquid culture*, and the MTB/RIF test, and one specimen used for direct testing with microscopy and the MTB/RIF test.

Among culture-positive patients, single, direct MTB/RIF test identified 551/561 patients with smear-positive TB (98.2%) and 124/171 with smear-negative TB (72.5%).

Boehme C et al New Eng J Medicine 1 Sept 2010

Multicenter validation studies:

XDR



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Detection of Resistance to Second-Line Antituberculosis Drugs by Use of the Genotype MTBDRsl Assay: a Multicenter Evaluation and Feasibility Study

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The rate of multidrug-resistant (MDR) and extensively drug-resistant (XDR) tuberculosis (TB) in the former USSR. The availability of second-line drugs is vital for adequate patient management. The sensitivity of phenotypic drug susceptibility testing (DST) for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* isolates at four sites in Eastern Europe was 77.3% and 92.3%; however, it was much lower for the detection of resistance to individual second-line drugs and can be recommended for the detection of kanamycin resistance need



Diagnostic Accuracy of the GenoType MTBDRsl Assay for Rapid Diagnosis of Extensively Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in HIV-Coinfected Patients

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Multidrug-resistant (MDR) and extensively drug-resistant (XDR) tuberculosis (TB) has become a global TB control due to difficulties in diagnosis. The high rates of

The Russian Federation is a high-tuberculosis (TB)-burden country with high rates of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* multidrug-resistant (MDR) and extensively drug-resistant (XDR) TB. The diagnosis of MDR and XDR TB is a challenge for the health care system. The sensitivity of the GenoType MTBDRsl assay for the detection of MDR and XDR TB was 90% and 92%, respectively, while the specificity was 100%. The presence of MDR and XDR TB in the specimens from

Have LPA for diagnosing XDRTB (aminoglycosides and FQs from cultures and heavily smear positive specimens). WHO recommends for primary specimens and cultures now

of laboratory infrastructure as biosafety considerations, limit its potential in limited settings (11)

Metanalysis Hain SI (Feng et al Plos One 2013)

- 14 independent studies from 11 articles Among these 14 studies, 3 tested clinical specimens, rest used clinical isolates.
- Summarized sensitivity was 0.87, 0.83, 0.82, 0.44, and 0.68 for FQs, amikacin, capreomycin, kanamycin, and ethambutol, respectively.
- Specificity was 0.97, 1.00, 0.97, 0.99, and 0.80, respectively.
- Concluded that MTBDRsl showed good accuracy for detecting drug resistance to fluoroquinolones, amikacin and capreomycin, but it may not be an appropriate choice for kanamycin and ethambutol.

Single Point-of-care Multidrug Resistant Tuberculosis Test

Introduction and Purpose

Technology

Fluorescent probes that bind to specific gene sequences in a temperature dependent order. The shape of this fluorescence response is characteristic of the particular gene sequence.

Sample preparation

Advanced sample preparation chemistries based on Microsens's proprietary magnetic bead extraction technology integrated into single use cartridge.

Instrument

The Enigma® MiniLab is designed for direct processing of clinical samples operated by non-laboratory trained personnel in a range of resource poor clinical settings including field hospitals, local clinics and outreach/screening centres.



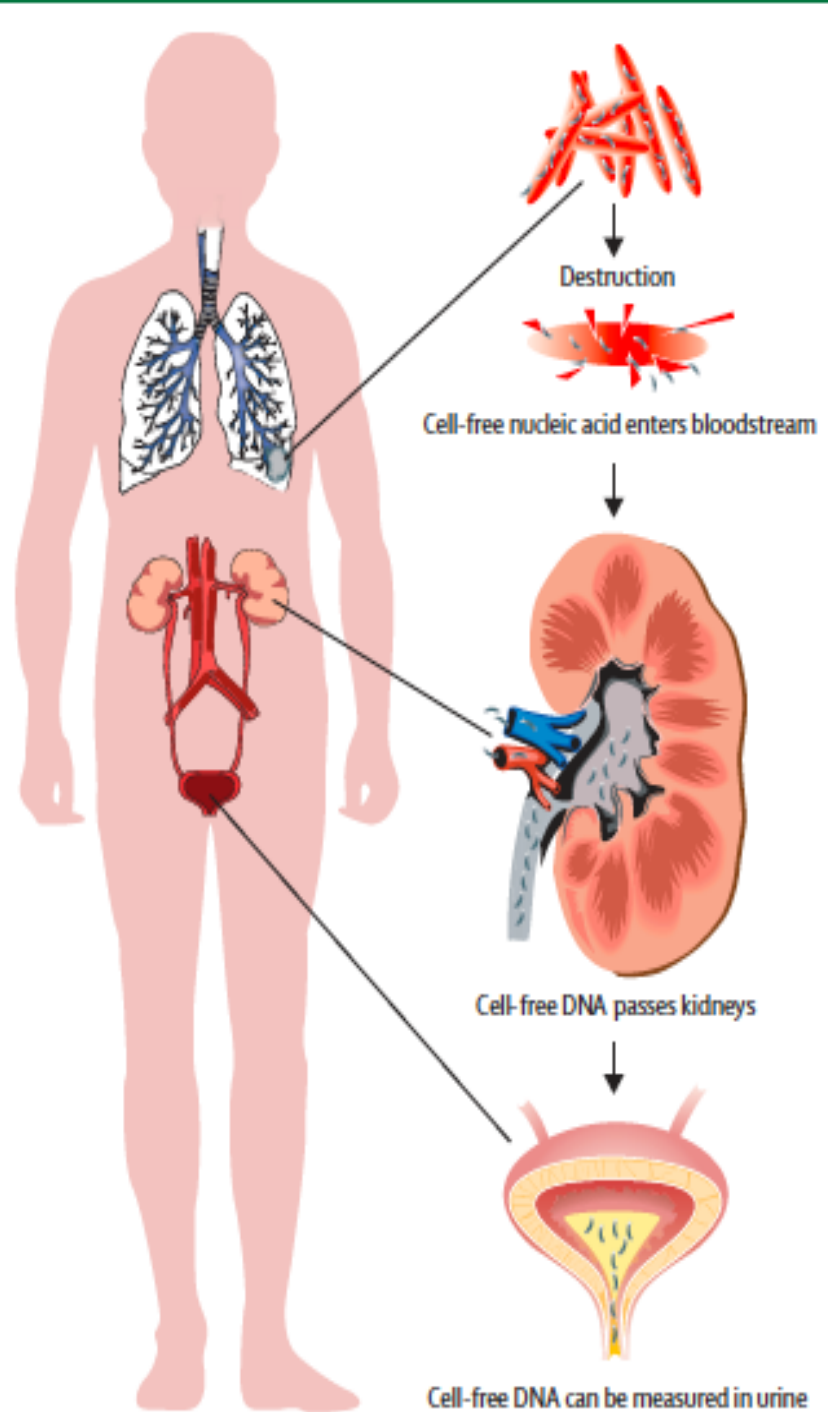
UNITAID-Biomarkers

- Lot interest for POC tests but still challenges to success
- Alere LAM-very limited use in severe HIV pos, low CD4 count,
- Volatile component tests progressing but limited evaluations of performance

Rapid diagnosis of tuberculosis through the detection of mycobacterial DNA in urine by nucleic acid amplification methods

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Figure 1: Transrenal DNA production in a patient with pulmonary tuberculosis
M tuberculosis bacilli from infective foci in the lungs are destroyed by the immune response releasing cell-free nucleic acids in plasma. The smaller sized cell-free nucleic acids pass through the kidney during filtration to produce transrenal DNA, which can be measured in urine by nucleic acid amplification techniques.



Algorithm for laboratory diagnosis and treatment-monitoring of pulmonary tuberculosis and drug-resistant tuberculosis using state-of-the-art rapid molecular diagnostic technologies

For low, middle and high income countries
For low, middle and high TB prevalence countries
For low, middle and high MDRTB prevalence countries

Expert opinion of the European Tuberculosis Laboratory
Initiative core group members for the WHO European Region

Алгоритм лабораторной диагностики и мониторинга лечения туберкулеза легких и туберкулеза с лекарственной устойчивостью на основе применения современных быстрых молекулярных методов

Экспертное заключение членов основной группы Европейской
лабораторной инициативы, подготовленное для Европейского региона ВОЗ

Key message

The emphasis is on the rational use of rapid tests from patient specimens, as close to the patient as technically possible,

Rapid molecular diagnosis as an initial method for all cases with clinical suspicion of TB, to be applied in all countries of the Region. One specimen, second for culture.

With high MDR-TB rates being present in Eastern Europe, every presumptive TB case could also be an MDR-TB case
most appropriate therapeutic and infection control strategies can be instituted

GenXpert, LPA, (LAMP) ..

Less exclusion re labs doing PCR and insistence on NRL and regional tests

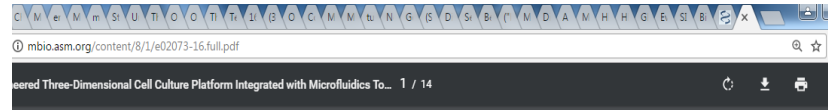
Role for culture and phenotypic DST (and limited microscopy)

Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics (Pk/Pd)

- Underpinning some of the WHO treatment changes
- PK describes the behaviour of a drug in a body. Drug is absorbed (A) into systemic circulation, distributed (D) throughout body including tissues and site of infection; metabolised (m) usually in the liver and excreted (E) by the kidneys into the urine. Parameters form the PK model
- PD describes the pharmacological effect ie efficacy of drug on pathogen and on patient as toxicity. Desire the max effect (E_{max})
- Correlation of drug concentration and efficacy: (1) area under curve related to MIC (AUC/MIC) (2) max concentration during dosing interval in relation to MIC (C_{max}/MIC) (3) time concentration exceeds MIC during the dosing interval (%T.MIC)
- Need to know Critical Concentrations for any antibiotic
- Hollow fiber and other models eg bioelectrospray

3-D bioelectrospray cell culture model

- *ex vivo* model incorporating extracellular matrix
- More “physiological”
- Multiple uses
- Microfluidics: pharmacokinetics, drugs with specific kinetics



RESEARCH

A Bioengineered Three-Dimensional Cell Culture Platform Integrated with Microfluidics To Address Antimicrobial Resistance in Tuberculosis

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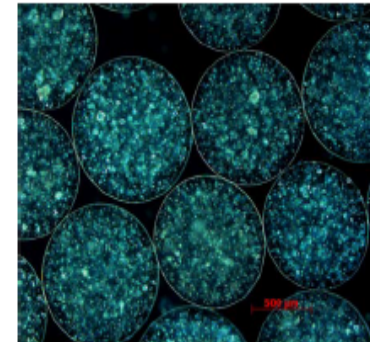
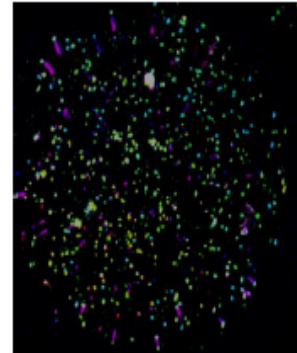
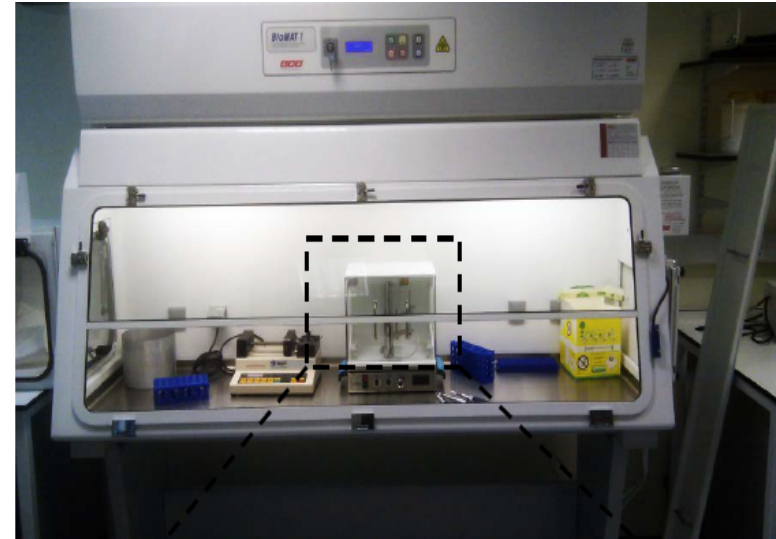
ABSTRACT Antimicrobial resistance presents one of the most significant threats to

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3-D bioelectrospray cell culture model

- Isolation of PMBCs
- Infecting with MTB Lux+
- Mixing with alginate-collagen matrix
- Bioelectrostatic system
- Bioluminescence measurement



Modified WHO MDRTB Regimens

| GROUP | MEDICINE | Abbreviation |
|--|---|----------------|
| Group A: Include all three medicines (unless they cannot be used) | Levofloxacin <u>OR</u> Moxifloxacin | Lfx Mfx |
| | Bedaquiline ^{1,4} | Bdq |
| | Linezolid ² | Lzd |
| | Clofazimine | Cfz |
| Group B: Add both medicines (unless they cannot be used) | Cycloserine <u>OR</u> Terizidone | Cs Trd |
| | Ethambutol | E |
| Group C: Add to complete the regimen and when medicines from Groups A and B cannot be used | Delamanid ^{3,4} | Dlm |
| | Pyrazinamide ⁵ | Z |
| | Imipenem-cilastatin <u>OR</u> Meropenem ⁶ | Ipm-Cln Mpm |
| | Amikacin (<u>OR</u> Streptomycin) ⁷ | Am (S) |
| | Ethionamide <u>OR</u> Prothionamide | Eto Pto |
| | <i>p</i> -aminosalicylic acid | PAS |

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| | | |
| Emphasis on oral regimens. Kanamycin out. Streptomycin in, Greater role for clofazamine, cycloserine, delamanid, bedaquiline, levofloxacin equal to moxifloxacin | | |
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Starting point

- WGS is vital for research
- WGS excellent for understanding phylogeny and evolution—not considered further
- WGS is useful for providing data to set policy
- WGS is useful for ID and DST

Evolutionary history and global spread of the *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* Beijing lineage

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NGS for WGS

- No cloning of template DNA into vectors.
- De novo assembling initially-more complex and expensive than re-sequencing
- Relatively short reads (approx 400bps) sequenced and stitched together by complex bioinformatics
- Genome sequencing of more than 100 pathogen genomes within 2 days (but from the culture=time)
- Most applicable/straightforward where reference genome completed and re-sequencing and comparing against this template

AACCGGTTTGGGCC

CCGGTTACGTACGTTT

GGCGCGCGCGCGAAAAAA

AAGGGCGCGCGCGCGGC

AAGGCCGCGCGCGCGC

Strategies

- Early diagnosis
- New drugs
- New drug *regimens ie novel combinations*
- Systems creating MDRTB, XDRTB need fixing or new drugs will be lost
- MDRTB is endemic in some areas eg 25-50% of cases—strategy must be different

Genomic analysis identifies targets of convergent positive selection in drug-resistant *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

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“We also found evidence of positive selection in an additional 39 genomic regions in resistant isolates. “

Genome sequencing of 161 *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* isolates from China identifies genes and intergenic regions associated with drug resistance

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“72 new genes, 28 intergenic regions (IGRs), 11 nonsynonymous SNPs and 10 IGR SNPs with strong, consistent associations with drug resistance.”



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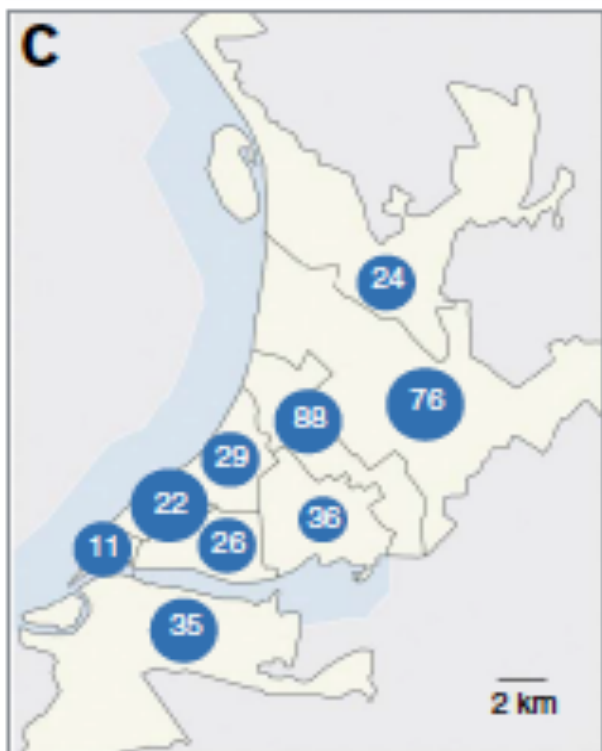
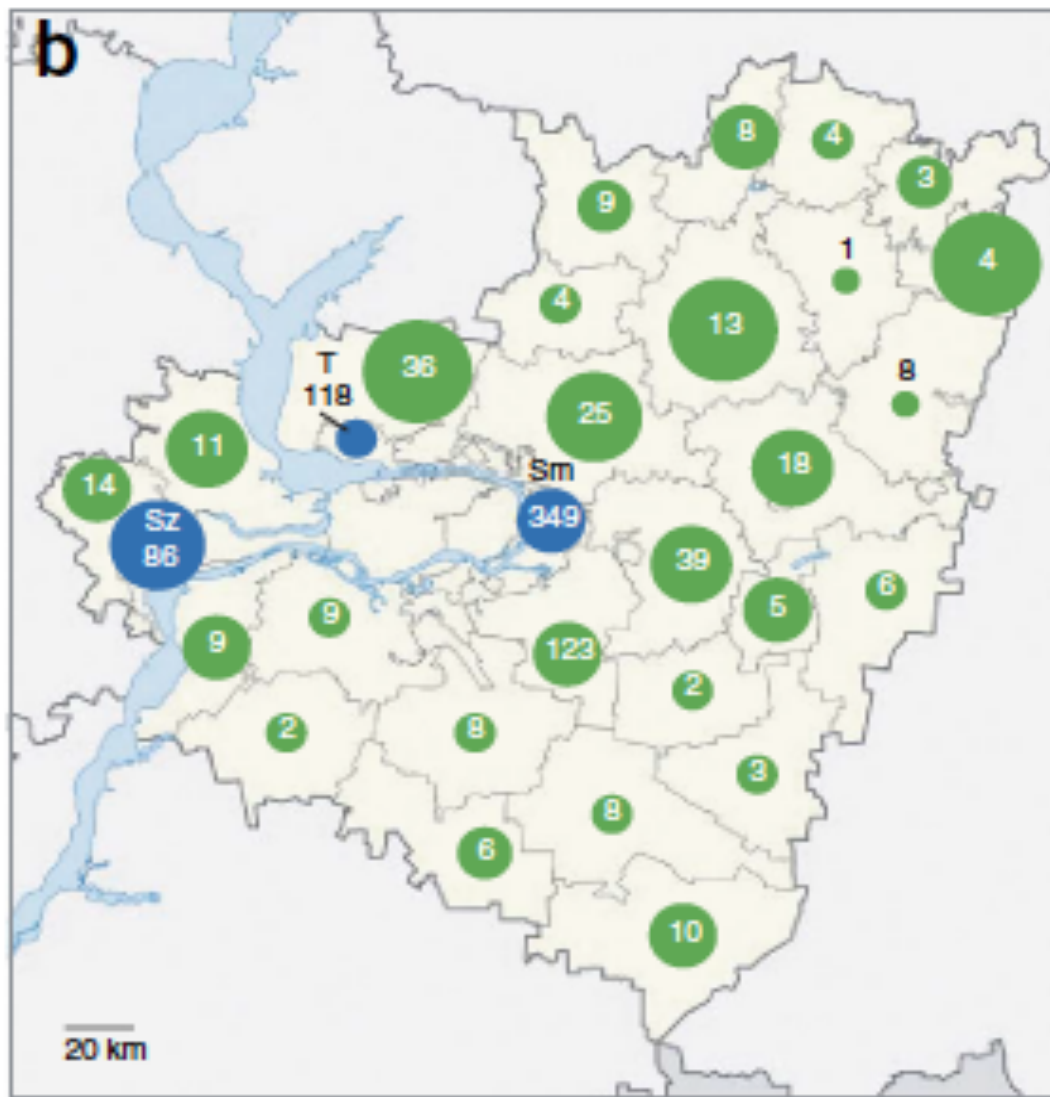
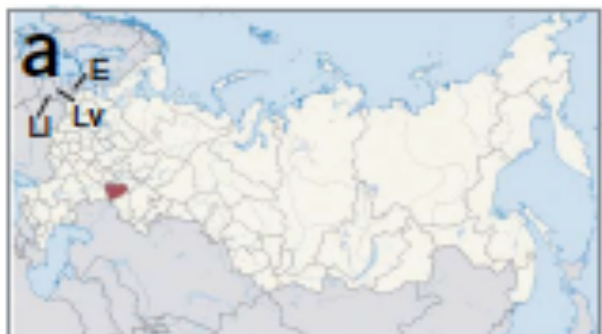
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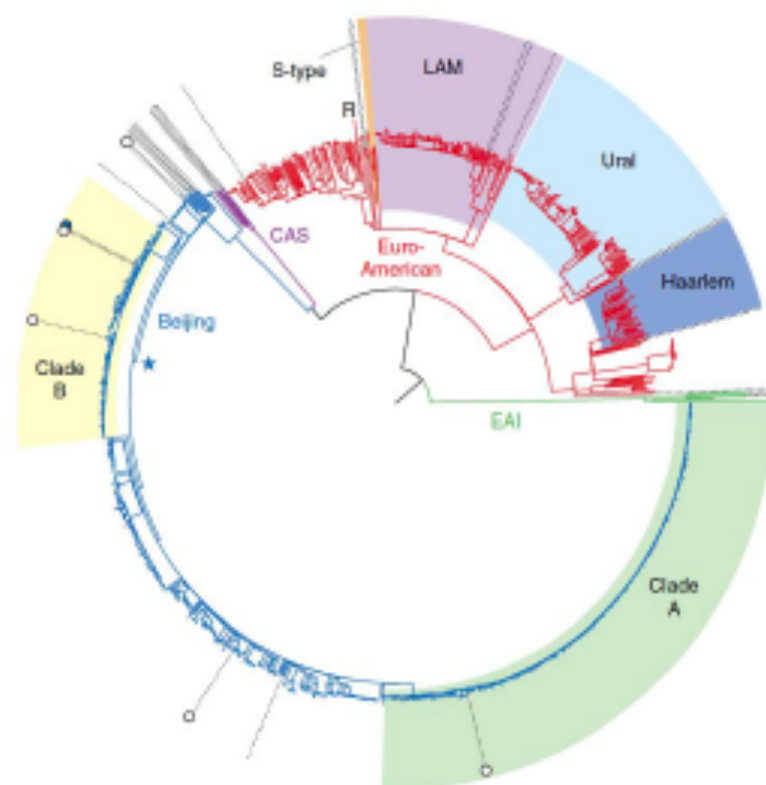
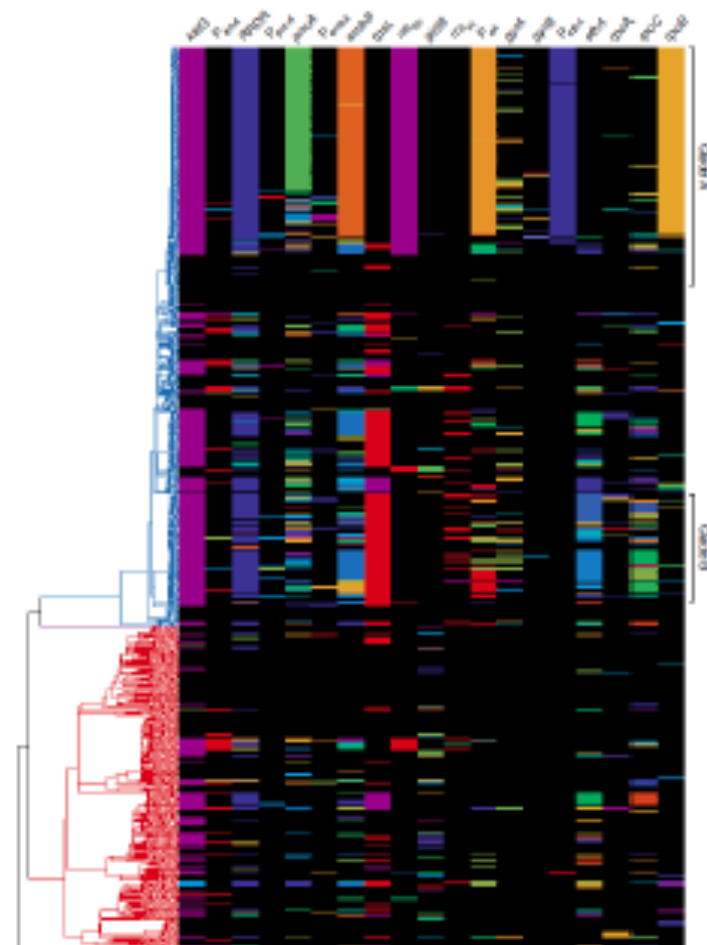


Figure 2 Maximum-likelihood phylogeny of 1,035 *M. tuberculosis* isolates based on 32,445 variable sites.



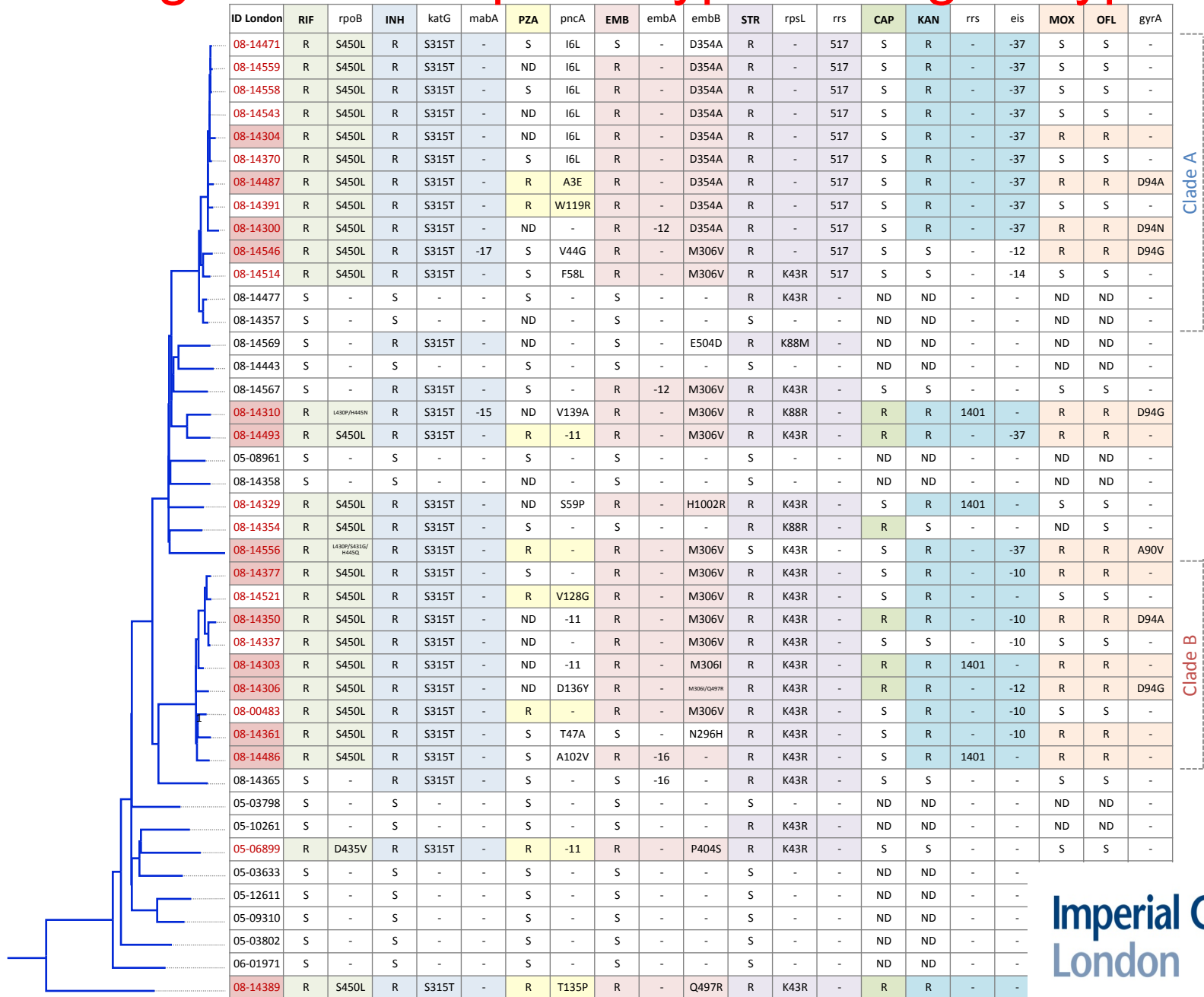
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Drug resistance phenotypes and genotypes



Compensation

Whole-genome sequencing of rifampicin-resistant *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* strains identifies compensatory mutations in RNA polymerase genes

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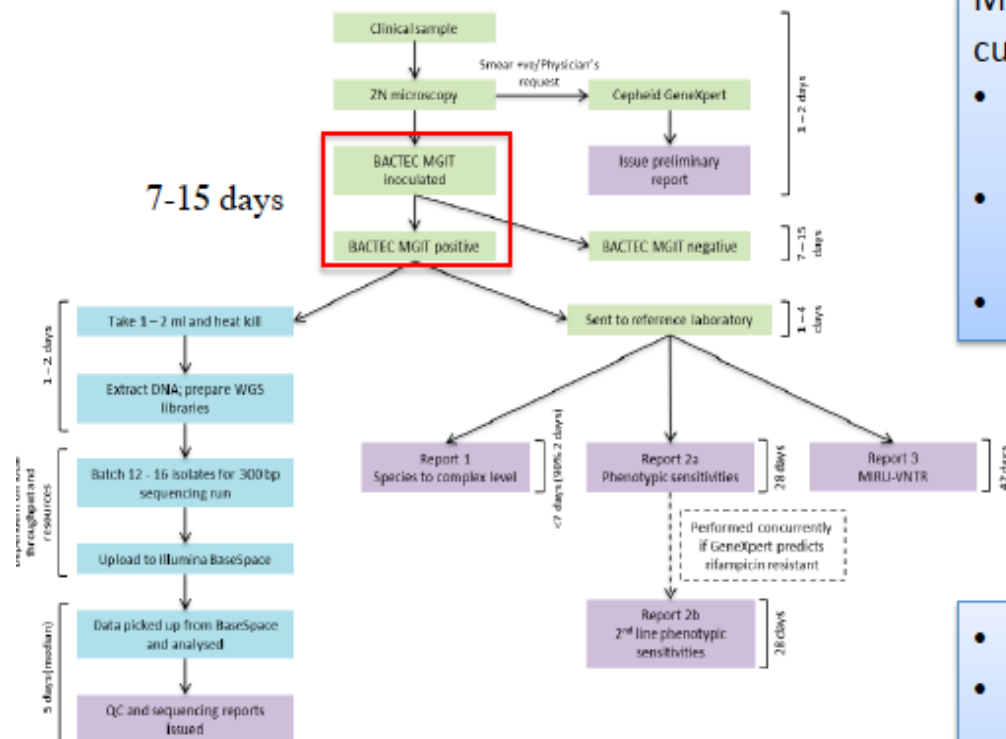
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- 2010- 2013, WGS of 2099 MTB strains, examined 23 gene mutations associated with drug-resistance
- predict phenotypic DST result for a validation set of 1552 MTB genomes.
- predicted 89.2% of the validation-set phenotypes with a mean 92.3% Sensitivity and 98.4% specificity.
- 10.8% of validation-set phenotypes could not be predicted as uncharacterised mutations present.
- As in-silico comparison, resistance mutations had higher sensitivity than 3 line-probe assays (85.1% vs 81.6%).

Rapid, comprehensive, and affordable mycobacterial diagnosis with whole-genome sequencing: a prospective study

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Multicentric study on WGS from newly positive culture:

- Prediction of species and drug susceptibility with 93% accuracy
- Full WGS Dx, incl. genetic relatedness, median 21 days faster than classical Dx
- 7% less costly annually than current workflow

- Primary culture still needed : delayed Dx
- WGS on clinical samples: low multiplexing/coverage depth or capture system (Brown, JCM, 2015) not cost-effective (yet)

Cryptic 10 000 Genomes project

(NEJM 2018)



Prediction of Susceptibility to First-Line Tuberculosis Drugs by DNA Sequencing

The CRyPTIC Consortium and the 100,000 Genomes Project

- 10,209 isolates analysed by WGS.
- 23 collections 16 countries
- Resistance to isoniazid, rifampicin, ethambutol, and pyrazinamide correctly predicted with 97.1%, 97.5%, 94.6%, and 91.3% sensitivity, respectively,
- Susceptibility to same drugs correctly predicted with 99.0%, 98.8%, 93.6%, and 96.8% specificity.
- Of 7516 isolates with complete phenotypic DST profiles, 5865 (78.0%) had complete genotypic predictions, among which 5250 profiles (89.5%) were correctly predicted.
- Among 4037 phenotypic profiles that were predicted to be pansusceptible, 3952 (97.9%) were correctly predicted.

WHO Target Product Profiles and 10000 genomes

- WHO target product profiles for new molecular assays for M. tuberculosis require more than 90% sensitivity and 95% specificity.
(High-priority target product profiles for new tuberculosis diagnostics: report of a consensus meeting. Geneva: World Health Organization, 2014 (http://www.who.int/tb/publications/tpp_report/en/))
- Overall, both these targets were met for all drugs with the exception of specificity for ethambutol (93.6%)--phenotyping is an imperfect standard, particularly for isolates with embB mutations.

A standardised method for interpreting the association between mutations and phenotypic drug resistance in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

Miotto et al ERJ 2017

TABLE 3 List of confidence-graded mutations associated with phenotypic drug resistance as determined by best confidence values

| Drug (phenotypic testing) | Gene | High-confidence mutations | Moderate-confidence mutations | Minimal-confidence mutations | No association with resistance |
|---|------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| First-line | | | | | |
| Rifampicin (R) | <i>rpoB</i> | F505V+D516Y, S512T, Q513H+L533P, Q513-F514ins, Q513K, Q513L, Q513P, F514dupl , M515I+D516Y, D516A, D516F, D516G, D516G+L533P, D516ins, D516N, D516V, Del N518, S522Q, H526C, H526D, H526F, H526G, H526L, H526R, H526Y S531F, S531L, S531Q, S531W, S531Y, D626E | D516Y, S522L, H526P, L533P | L511P, H526N, I572F | |
| Isoniazid (H) | <i>inhA-mabA</i> | g-102a ^{#,†} | c-15t | | g-102a^{#,†}, t-80g, g-47c, T4I |
| | <i>katG</i> | S315I, S315N, S315T , pooled frameshifts and premature stop codons | | | A110V, R463L, L499M |
| | <i>furA</i> | | A187V ^{#,†} | | L68F |
| | <i>mshA</i> | | | | N111S |
| Second-line (group A) | | | | | |
| Moxifloxacin (MXF) | <i>gyrA</i> | G88C, A90V, S91P, D94A, D94G, D94N, D94Y | | | E21Q, S95T , G247S, G668D, V712L |
| Ofloxacin (OFX)/levofloxacin (LFX) | <i>gyrA</i> | G88A, G88C, S91P, A90V, D94A, D94G, D94H, D94N, D94Y | D89N | | E21Q, T80A, S95T , G247S, G668D, V712L |
| | <i>gyrB</i> | E459K, A504V | | | |
| Second-line (group B) | | | | | |
| Amikacin (AM) | <i>rrs</i> | a1401g, g1484t | | | |
| Kanamycin (KM) | <i>eis</i> | c-14t, g-10a | | g-37t, c-12t | a 1338c |
| | <i>rrs</i> | a514c [#] , a1401g , c1402t, g1484t | | | |
| | <i>rrs+eis</i> | <i>rrs</i> c517t [#] + <i>eis</i> g-37t | | | |
| Capreomycin (CM) | <i>rrs</i> | a1401g, c1402t, g1484t | | | c517t |
| | <i>tlyA</i> | N236K, pooled frameshifts and premature stop codons | | | D149H |
| Streptomycin (S) | <i>rpsL</i> | K43R, K43T, K88Q, K88R, T40I | | | |
| | <i>rrs</i> | a1401g [#] , a514c , a514t, c462t, c513t, c517t | | | |
| | <i>gidB</i> | | E92D^{#,†} | | L16R, V110G , pooled frameshifts and premature stop codons |
| Second-line (group C) | | | | | |
| Ethionamide and prothionamide (ETO/PTO) | <i>inhA</i> | c-15t+I194T, c-15t+S49A | c-15t | | Q347Stop |
| | <i>ethA</i> | | | | |
| Second-line (group D) | | | | | |
| Pyrazinamide (Z) | <i>pncA</i> | t-12c, a-11g , t-7c, A3E, L4S, I6T, V7G, D8E, D8G, D8N, Q10P, D12A, D12N, C14R, G17D, L19P, G24D, Y34D, A46V, K48T, D49G, D49N, H51Q, H51R, P54S, H57D[†], H57P, H57R, H57Y, S59P, P62L, P62Q, D63G, S66P, S67P, W68C, W68R, H71D, H71Q, H71Y, C72R, T76P, H82R, L85P, L85R, F94L, F94S, K96N, K96R, G97C, G97D, G97S, Y103H, S104R, G108R, L116P, L116R, L120P, R123P, V125F, V125G, V128G, G132A, G132D, G132S, A134V, T135N, T135P, H137P, C138Y, V139G, V139L, Q141P, T142A, T142K, T142M, indel - R148ins (inframe), L151S, V155G, L159P, T160P, G162D, T168P, L172P, M175T, M175V, V180F, V180G, Pooled frameshifts and premature stop codons | V7G, Q10R, P54L, W68G, K96E, K96T, A171E, M175I | D12G, F58L, H71R, I133T, V139A | indel - c-125del, I31T, L35R, T47A, I6L, K48T, T114M |

The table includes all the mutations graded according to the proposed standardised approach for providing confidence levels to their association with phenotypic drug resistance.



REVIEW

Whole genome sequencing of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* for detection of recent transmission and tracing outbreaks: A systematic review



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Systematic review was conducted ...studies published between 01/01/2005 and 30/11/2014. A total of 12 publications were included.

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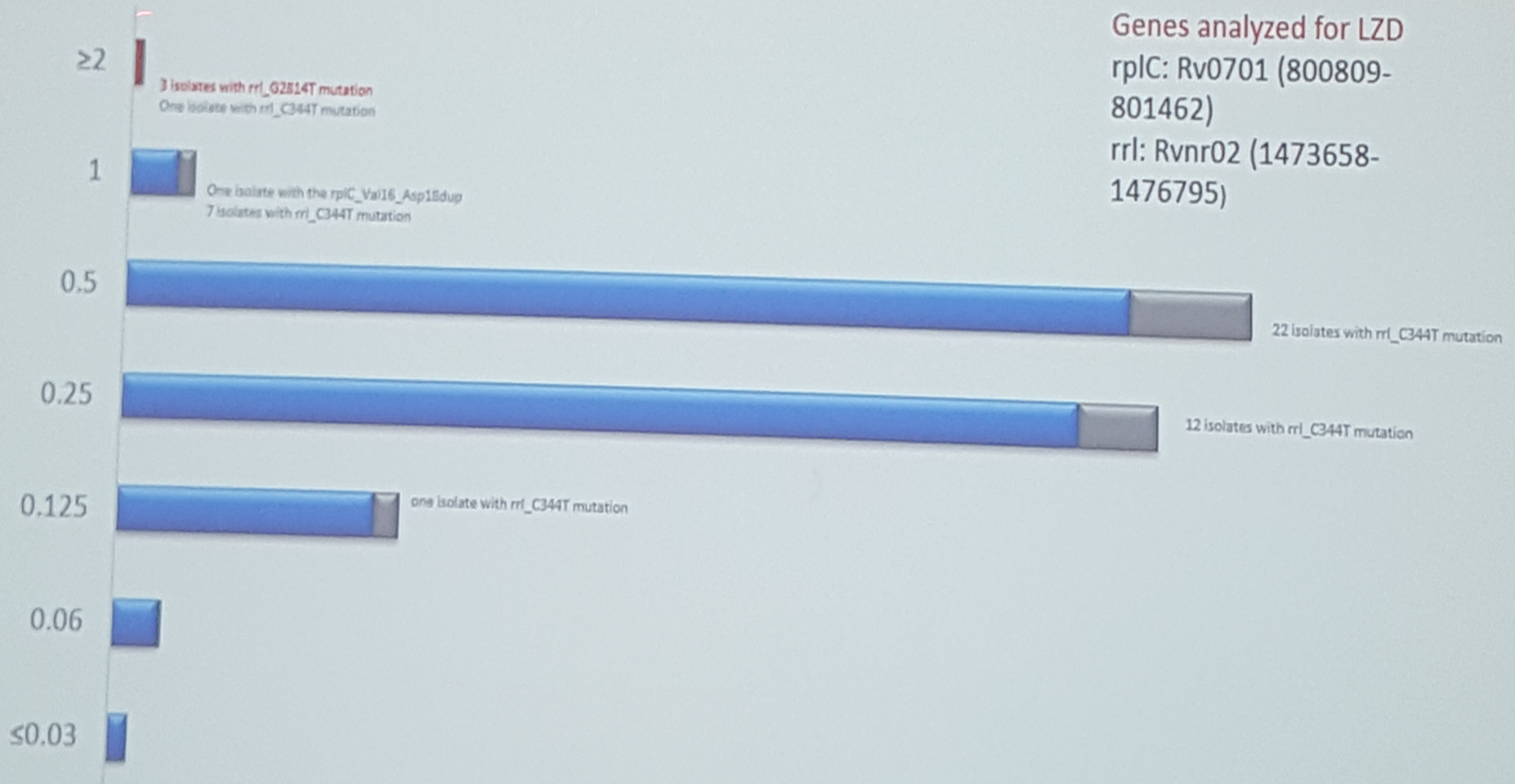
Several systematic reviews have looked at drug susceptibility testing by WGS and molecular epidemiology/transmission by WGS.

[6,15]

natory power, the question of added value remains. WGS is a tool, which may provide answers to specific questions such as transmission chains and cross-border transmission and may evolve into a practical instrument used to cover the majority of laboratory diagnoses, including identification, provide indication of drug resistance testing and epidemiological typing. However, its impact in routine day-to-day public health and clinical investigations remains to be demonstrated.

Using WGS to define resistance genes

(Italy-LZD-Courtesy D Cirillo)



How good are any tests: Mislabelling (10000 genomes study NEJM 2018)

Mislabeleding of laboratory samples contributed to discrepant results.

Possibility was assessed for each collection on the basis of the proportion of isolates that were excluded because of *katG* S315T or *rpoB* S450L mutations being classified as SENSITIVE rather than RESISTANT, the discrepancy rate within the collection, and the prevalence of antimicrobial resistance.

Overall, approximately 43% of discrepancies for isoniazid and 12% of discrepancies for rifampicin were thereby judged to be attributable to mislabeling.

WGS from sputum (Doughty et al 2015)

- Proof-of-concept study in 2015
- 2015, Doughty et al. extracted M. tuberculosis
- DNA directly from clinical samples
- Sequenced it with Illumina MiSeq
- However, while TB could be diagnosed, the DNA obtained was insufficient for DST because of contamination with human DNA

WGS from sputum directly

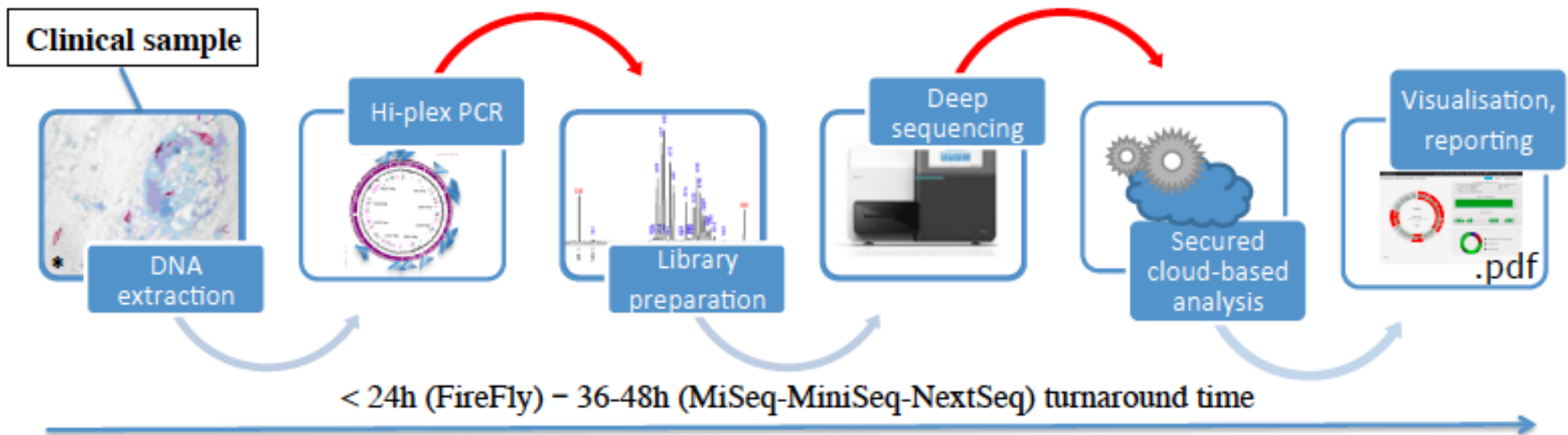
(Brown et al JCM 2015)

- WGS data on resistance mutations and strain typing for transmission, but previously only from cultured M. tb.
- Utilising biotinylated RNA baits, designed for MTB DNA to capture full genomes directly from sputum samples, allowing WGS.
- 24 smear-positive sputum samples, from UK and Lithuania with matched culture sample
- TB sequencing data obtained directly from all 24 sputa: 20 were high quality (>20x depth and >98% genome covered).
- Turnaround time about 50 hours

WGS from sputum (Votintseva et al 2017)

- Extract DNA from sputum without enrichment.
- Sequencing using MiSeq sequencing
- Turnaround time 44 hours
- Cheaper than Brown et al – (£100 vs 203)
- 95% were identified as *M. tuberculosis*
- overall quality metrics were lower than in Brown et al 2015
- depth of coverage of 12 x with 90% genome coverage for 21/37 (57%) of the smear-positive, culture-positive samples.

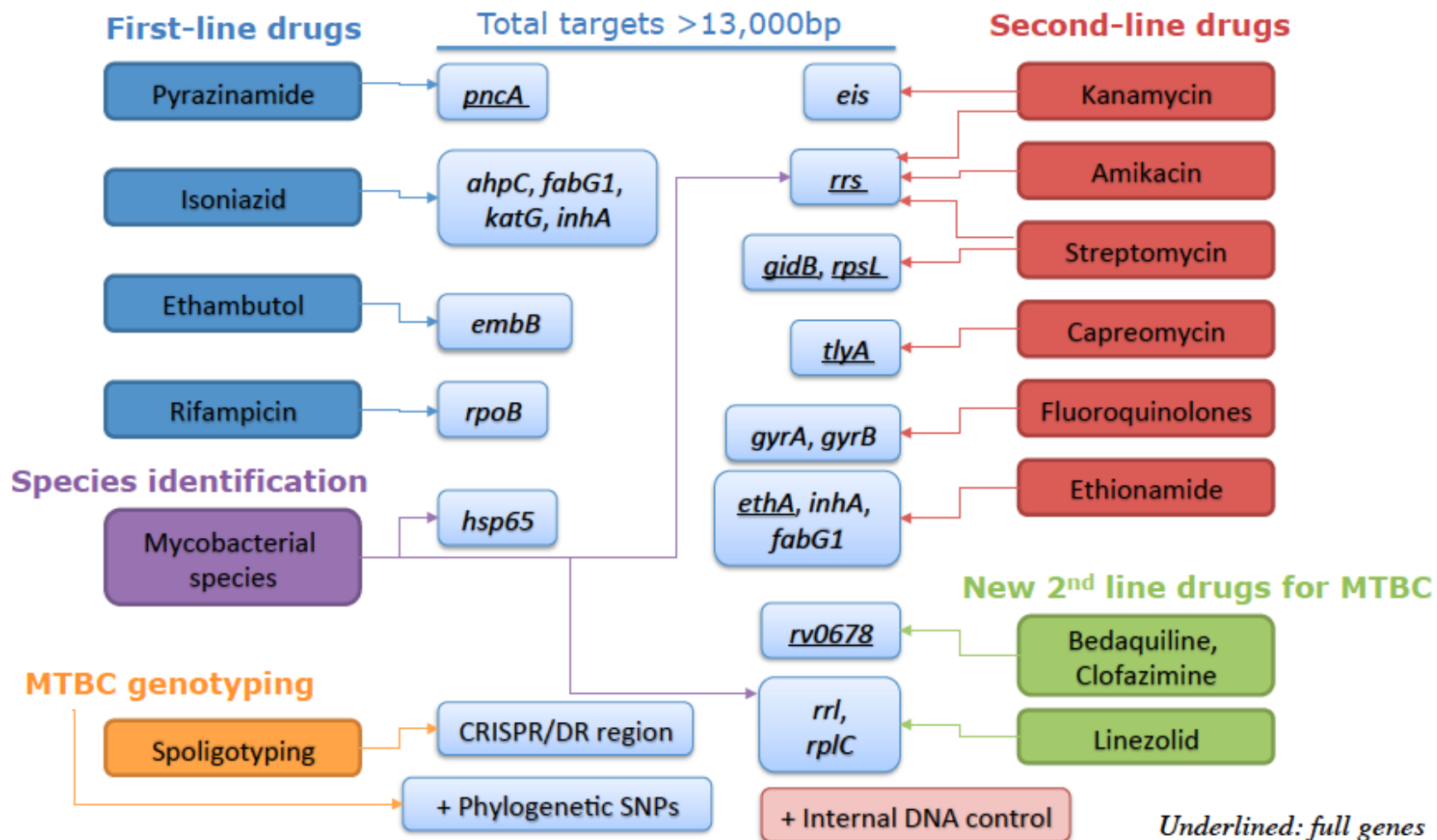
Deeplex[®]-MycTB, an all-in-one NGS-based diagnostic test for *M. tuberculosis*



- Targeted NGS of single 24-plex amplification of main drug resistance targets, plus species identification and MTBC genotyping targets
- Deep sequencing for sensitive detection of heteroresistance
- Scalable: from 1 to 8 (FireFly), to 50/90 (MiSeq/MiniSeq) and 384 samples (NextSeq)/run
- Fast, easy-to-use NGS data analysis and reporting on highly secured, high performance cloud

Photo credit: WHO, The Natural History of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, Facilitator Guide, 2001

Deeplex®-MycTB: Targets



Conclusion-WGS and Diagnostics 3

- No EQA for NGS; lot operator settings for analysis ie “home-brew” system
- Replace bioinformatics ie completely automated process
- Need improvements for low DNA conc in clinical specimens—starting to happen
- Databases/storage handling solutions
- 20-40% of treated TB cases have no culture or any laboratory result

UK



Sputum

**No rifampicin
or isoniazid
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**Treat 6 month
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regime**



Culture

**WGS or
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**rifampicin or
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**MDRTB
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**Phenotypic
DST**

**Results to
clinician**

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Sputum

- Xpert, Line probe assays

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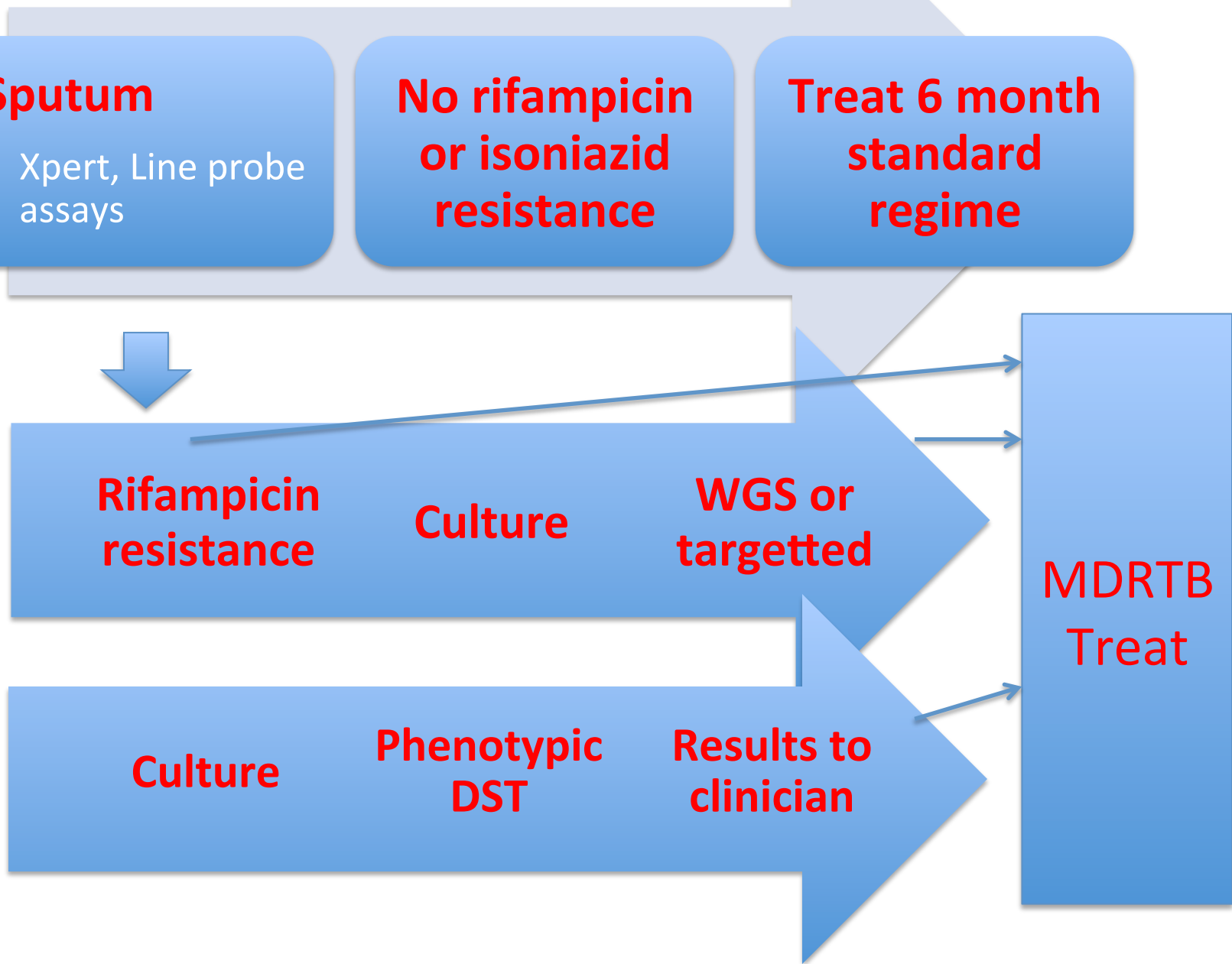
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But...UNITAID-2015

- So most high burdens are still using microscopy for *diagnosis*:
22 HBC=77.6 m sputum smears=
\$137m **cost=performed 43,000 centers**
- POC or “big lab”
- Need for “big lab” reduced as cat 3 reduced
- NGS requires “big lab” due to infrastructure



Audience: “Health economics”

- Test with 100% sensitivity, 100% specificity
- Excellent patient trial, 10, 000 TB suspects, patient sputum; “perfect test”
- TB is a significant problem in your country
- What are you going to recommend about introducing it to your Minister/WHO?
- What else would you like to know?

Audience: “Health economics”

- Test with 100% sensitivity, 100% specificity
- Excellent patient trial, 10, 000 TB suspects, patient sputum; “perfect test”
- TB is a significant problem in your country
- Costs \$100,000 per test

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- Test with 100% sensitivity, 100% specificity
- Excellent patient trial, 10, 000 TB suspects, patient sputum; “perfect test”
- TB is a significant problem in your country
- Costs \$10 per test

Audience: “Health economics”

- Test with 100% sensitivity, 100% specificity
- Excellent patient trial, 10, 000 TB suspects, patient sputum; “perfect test”
- TB is a significant problem in your country
- Costs \$50 per test

Cost-effectiveness of Xpert (Choi et al 2013)

- What is the the cost-effectiveness of implementing Xpert in low TB prevalence countries eg USA?
- Evaluated the cost-effectiveness of incorporating Xpert into TB diagnostic algorithms in the USA compared to existing diagnostics.
- A decision-analysis model compared current TB diagnostic algorithms in the United States to algorithms incorporating Xpert.

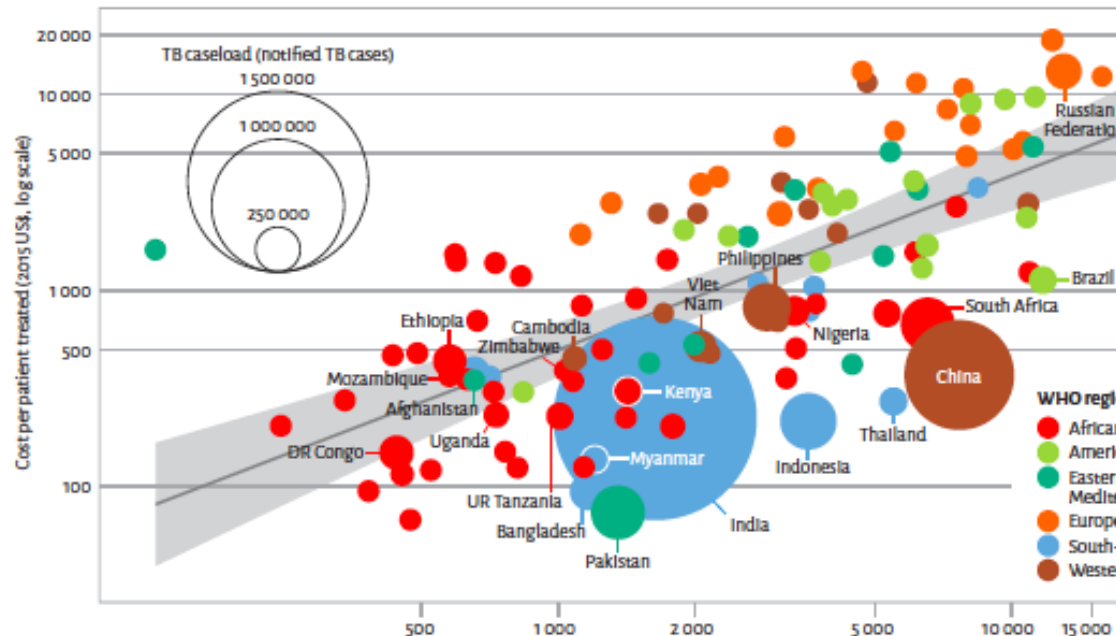
COSTS OF DIAGNOSTIC TESTS PER SAMPLE

| Diagnostic test | Cost of consumables US\$ (% total) | Cost of equipment US\$ (% total) | Labor cost US\$ (% total) | Overhead cost US\$ (% total)* | Total cost per sample [range] [†] |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Decontamination/ concentration | 4.93 (66) | 0.17 (2) | 1.70 (23) | 0.68 (9) | 7.48 [2.58–12.88] |
| Smear microscopy | 0.92 (23) | 0.09 (2) | 2.69 (66) | 0.37 (9) | 4.07 [2.35–5.95] |
| MGIT | 15.02 (42) | 2.87 (8) | 14.16 (40) | 3.51 (10) | 35.56 [17.29–52.60] |
| DST | 57.00 (56) | 23.43 (23) | 11.99 (12) | 9.26 (9) | 101.68 [19.60–166.37] |
| MTD® | 70.37 (77) | 1.50 (2) | 11.30 (12) | 8.32 (9) | 91.49 [26.08–320.42] |
| Xpert® MTB/RIF | 74.60 (76) | 13.94 (14) | 4.78 (5) | 4.78 (5) | 98.10 [20.24–838.46] [‡] |

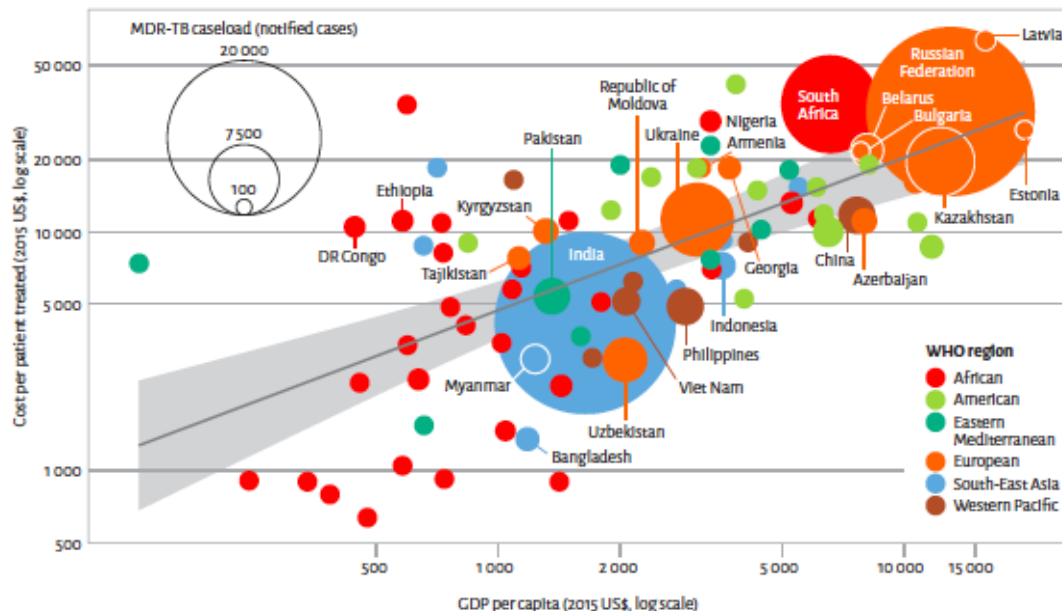
Cost-effectiveness of Xpert (Choi et al 2013)

- Despite existing mycobacterial culture as the reference in USA diagnostic algorithms, adding Xpert leads to a gain in QALYs
- QALYS in patients a result of more rapid diagnosis and treatment of active TB, and less unnecessary treatment in cases of false-positive smear microscopy
- TB diagnostic algorithms incorporating Xpert in the United States are highly cost-effective and based on real not discounted cost
- Laboratory costs increase by over 60% per patient compared to no molecular testing.
- But Xpert into diagnostic algorithms in the USA would be cost-saving from a health systems perspective

Estimated cost per patient treated for drug-susceptible TB in 117 countries, 2014^a



Estimated cost per patient treated for MDR-TB in 90 countries, 2014^a



^a Limited to countries with at least 20 patients on second-line treatment in 2014.

Cost per patient for drug-susceptible TB in 2014 ranged from US\$ 100–500 in most countries with high burden of TB. Cost per patient for MDRTB was typically US\$ 5000–10000

(WHO Global TB Report 2015)

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