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Tuberculosis in solid organ transplantation

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Emerging Issue, but Old Infection



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TUBERCULOSIS

Global Tuberculosis Report 2016



49 million lives saved between 2000-2015

TB deaths fell by 22% in the same period



1.8 MILLION TB DEATHS
INCLUDING 0.4 MILLION TB DEATHS AMONG PEOPLE WITH HIV*

TB was one of the top ten causes of death worldwide

TB was responsible for more deaths than HIV and malaria



MDR-TB crisis with gaps in detection and treatment

Only 1 in 5 needing MDR-TB treatment were enrolled on it



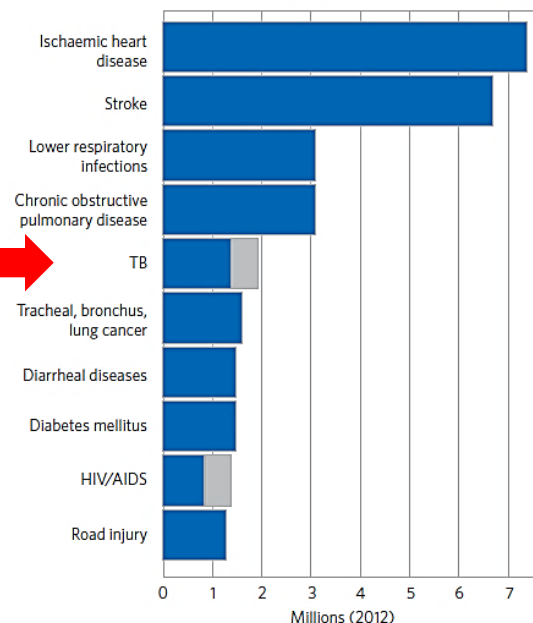
US\$ 2 BILLION GAP

Funding shortfall for TB implementation

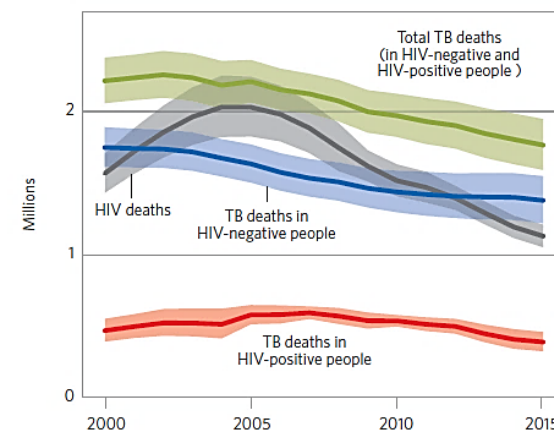
Gap of over US\$1 billion per year for TB research

DESPITE PROGRESS AND MILLIONS OF LIVES SAVED, GLOBAL ACTIONS AND INVESTMENTS FALL FAR SHORT OF THOSE NEEDED.

Top causes of death worldwide in 2012.^{a,b,c,d} Deaths from TB among HIV-positive people are shown in grey.^d



Global trends in the estimated number of deaths caused by TB and HIV (in millions), 2000-2015.^{a,b} Shaded areas represent uncertainty intervals.



^a For HIV/AIDS, the latest estimates of the number of deaths in 2015 that have been published by UNAIDS are available at www.unaids.org/en/resources/documents/2016/HIV_estimates_with_uncertainty_bounds_1990-2015. For TB, the estimates for 2015 are those published in this report.

^b Deaths from TB among HIV-positive people are officially classified as deaths caused by HIV/AIDS in the International Classification of Diseases.

Tuberculosis in solid organ transplantation

- Is TB really a surprise in SOT, or not so much? Epidemiology and mortality
- Risk factors
- Epidemiological exposure
- Some clinical peculiarities ?
- Diagnostic difficulties ?
- Any therapeutic difficulties?
- Prophylaxis: who, what, when, how long?

Estimated TB incidence rates, 2015



The incidence ranging from 1.2% to 6.4%, up to 15%
In EU from 0.45% to 0.9%

WHO - Global TB report 2016

The incidence of TB among SOT recipients seems to be directly associated with the specific incidence in the general population, but the former is usually **20-74 times higher** than the latter

Singh N. CID 1998; Aguado JM. GESITRA. Transplantation 1997; Muñoz P. CID 2005; Torres-Cisneros J CID 2009; Canet E Nephrol Dial Transplant 2011;

TB in SOT: Mortality

Study, year	Country	Tx organs	N. of Tx	Mortality Rate
Quinibi, 1990	Saudi Arabia	Kidney	403	14%
Singh N, 1998	US	Liver	511	29%
Lattes, 1999	Argentina	Kidney	384	14%
Ergun, 2006	Turkey	Kidney	283	20%
Torre-Cisneros, 2009	Spain	Kidney, pancreas, liver, lung, heart	4388	19%
Clemente WT, 2009	Brazil	Liver	319	0%
Lopez de Castilla, 2010	NY, US	Kidney, liver, lung, heart	4925	15%
Al-Mukhaini, 2017	Saudi Arabia	Kidney, liver, lung, heart	1966	5%

	2003-2007	2008-2011	p
Mortality	21%	10%	P= .20

Sun HY et al
Prog Transplant.
2014; 24(1):37

Incidence of TBC in SOT RESITRA Network (2003-2005)

<i>Type of transplant</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Incidence/10⁵ IC90%</i>	<i>Odds ratio</i>
<i>Heart</i>	<i>1/404 (0.25)</i>	<i>255 (6.5-1421)</i>	<i>13.7 (1.9-97.3)</i>
<i>Kidney</i>	<i>7/2052 (0.34)</i>	<i>358 (144-728)</i>	<i>19.0 (9.0-39.7)</i>
<i>Liver</i>	<i>8/1507 (0.53)</i>	<i>541 (269-1065)</i>	<i>29.5 (14.8-58.9)</i>
<i>Kidney-pancreas</i>	<i>1/122 (0.82)</i>	<i>1204 (30.5-6710)</i>	<i>45.5 (6.5-320.4)</i>
<i>Lung</i>	<i>4/303 (1.32)</i>	<i>2072 (565-5306)</i>	<i>73.3 (27.7-194.1)</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>21/4388 (0.49)</i>	<i>512 (317-783)</i>	<i>26.6 (17.4-40.8)</i>

Torre-Cisneros J, Doblas A, Aguado JM et al. Clinical Infectious Diseases 2009; 48:1657–65

Risk Factors for TB

Risk factors

High-risk factors

- ✓ HIV/AIDS
- ✓ Close contacts
- ✓ SOT
- ✓ Chronic renal failure requiring dialysis
- ✓ TNF-alpha blockers
- ✓ Silicosis

Moderate-risk factors

- ✓ Fibronodular diseases on chest x-ray
- ✓ Immigrants from high-TB-prevalence countries
- ✓ Health-care workers
- ✓ Prisoners, homeless persons, IDUs

Low-risk factors

- ✓ Diabetes mellitus
- ✓ Smoking
- ✓ Use of corticosteroids
- ✓ Underweight

SOT

Previous data of TBC

Underlying disease

- ✓ Hemodialysis. Longer preTx HD ? (x2)
- ✓ Diabetes mellitus (x 2-4)
- ✓ Older age

Coexisting infection:

- ✓ CMV, PCP, HCV (x 1.6-2.3)

Lung Tx

Higher intensity immunosuppression

Ai J-W et al. Emerging Microbes and Infections 2016
(from multiple studies)

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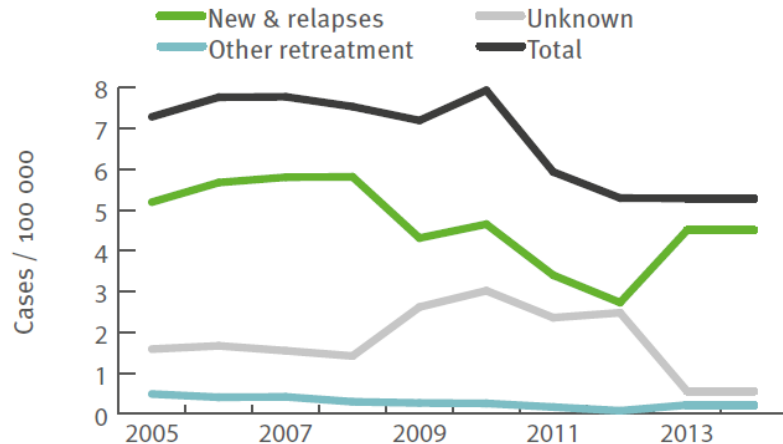
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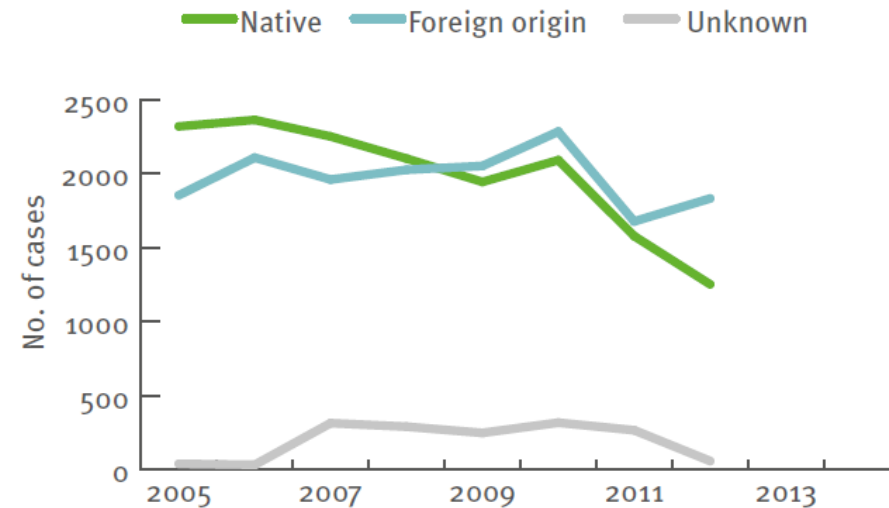
Horne DJ. CID 2013

TB notification in Italy

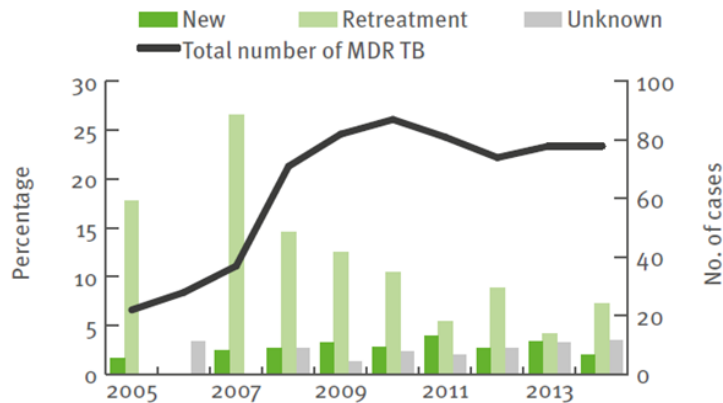
Tuberculosis notification rates by treatment history, 2005–2014



Tuberculosis cases by geographical origin, 2005–2014

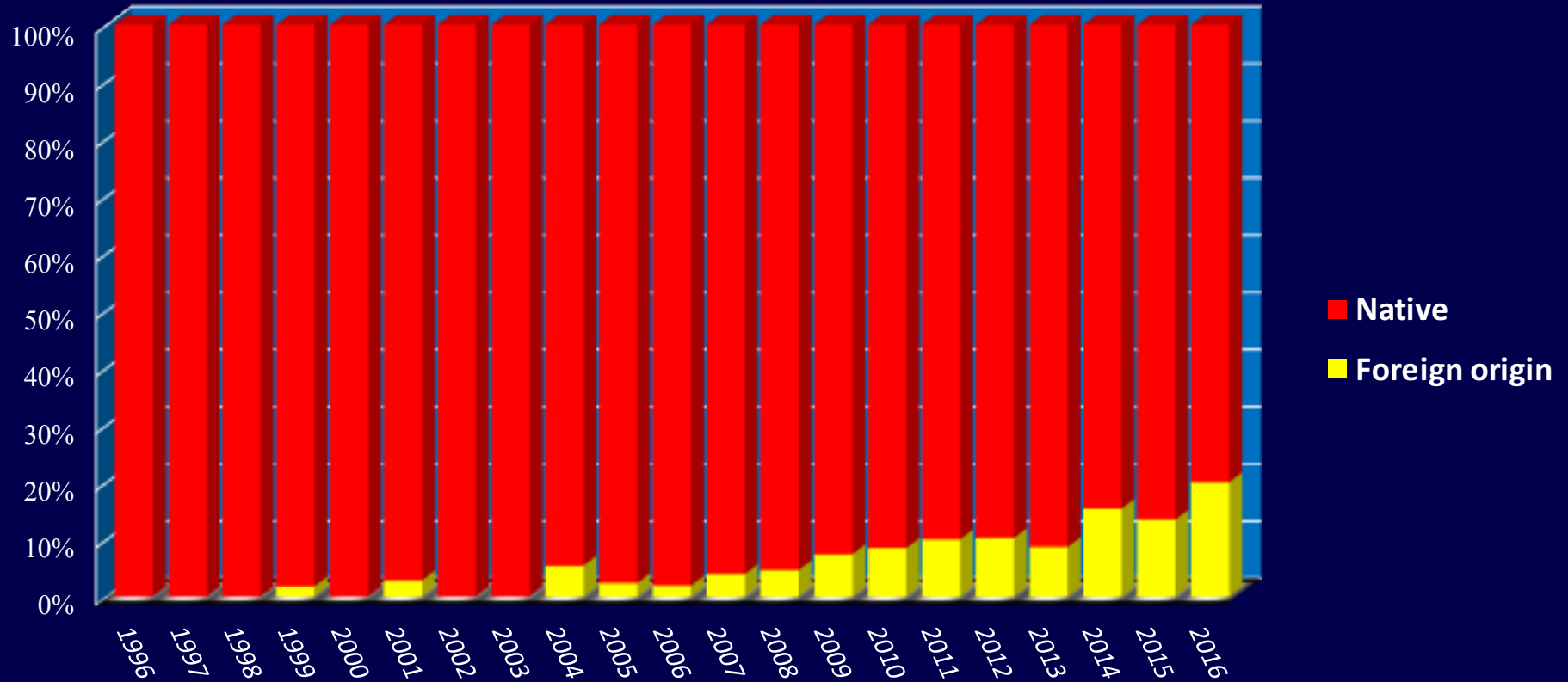


MDR TB cases by previous treatment history, 2005–2014



Tuberculosis surveillance and monitoring in Europe 2016.

Kidney and Kidney-Pancreas Transplant Recipients -VA (n. = 856)

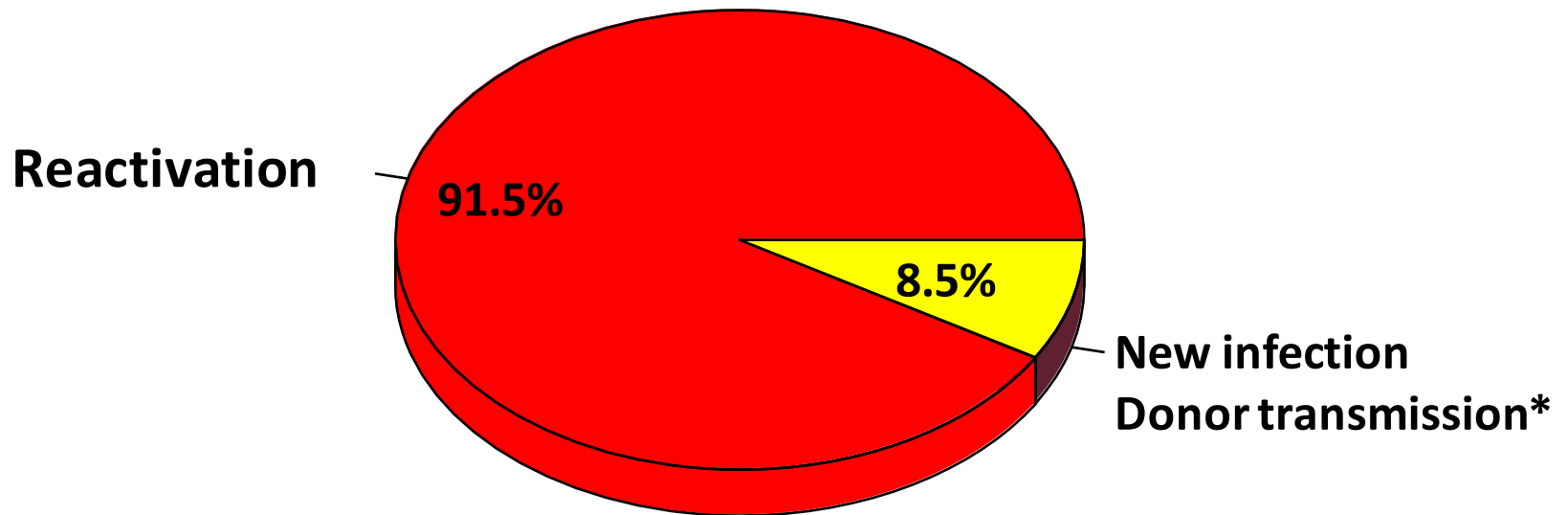


Factors determining the risk of infection in transplant recipients

- The net state of immunosuppression
- Epidemiological exposure
 - Donor-derived infections
 - Recipient-derived infections
 - Latent infections
 - Nosocomial infections
 - Community infections

Pathogenesis

47 TB in Kidney Tx



() Donor with history of TBC or + PPD with a negative Recipient*

Special Article

Screening of Donor and Recipient in Solid Organ Transplantation

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REVIEW

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Recommendations for screening of donor and recipient prior to solid organ transplantation and to minimize transmission of donor-derived infections

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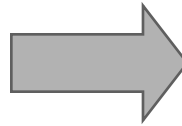
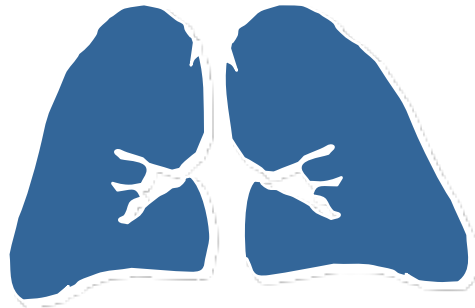
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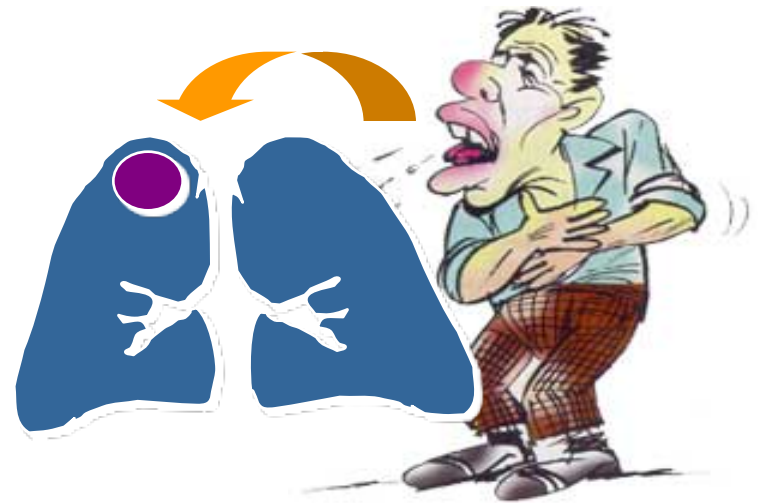


- Pretransplant screening of potential organ donors and recipients is **ESSENTIAL** to the **success** of SOT
- The goals of pre-Tx infectious disease screening are to identify conditions which may disqualify either donor or recipient; **identify and treat active infection** pre-Tx; recognize and (if possible) define the risk of infection and develop strategies for preventing and mitigating post-tx infection; and **implement preventative measures**, including immunizations.

DONOR



RECIPIENT

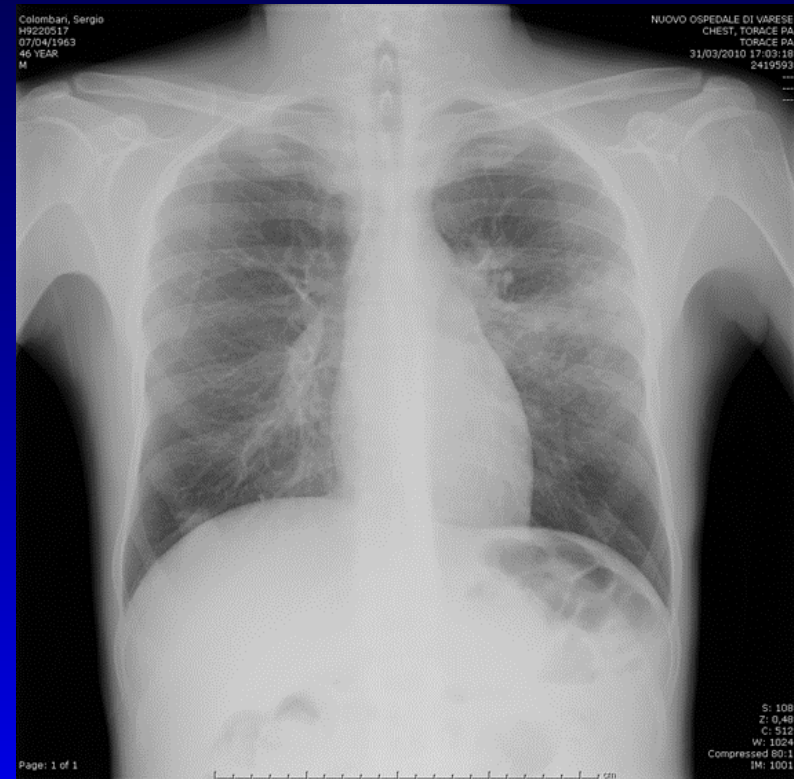


New infection

Pulmonary Tuberculosis in an HIV- and Hepatitis C Virus–Coinfected Kidney-Pancreas Transplant Recipient: A Case Report

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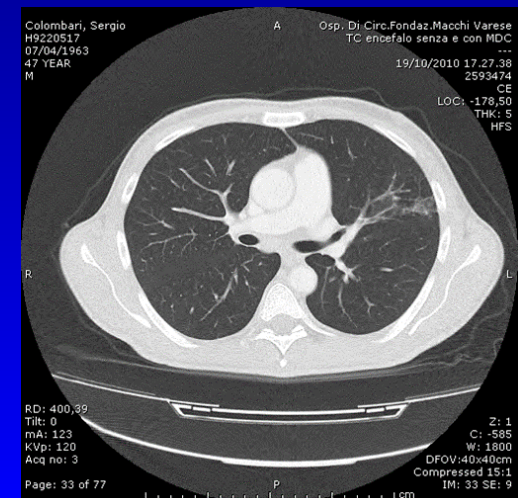
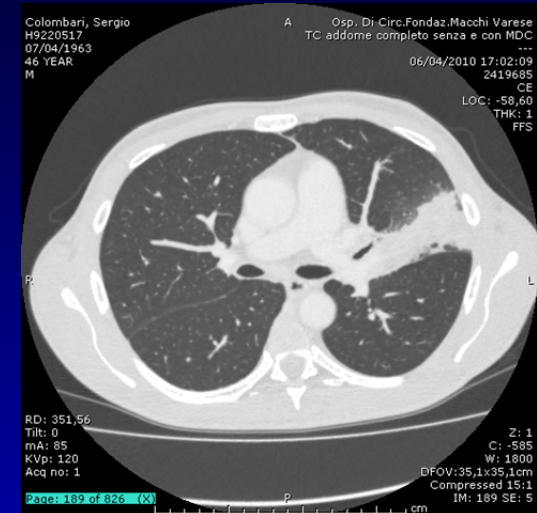
- 47 yrs, man, HIV and HCV pos
- Pre-tx screening: PPD neg, chest X-ray no abnormalities; no known TB exposures.
- Kidney-pancreas Tx (April, 2007)
- Tacrolimus, MMF (prednisolone only first 1 month post-tx)
- HAART: 3TC+ABC+FPV/r
- 35 months after-Tx: fatigue, fever, and night sweating
- HIV-RNA undetectable, CD4 cells count 307/mm³



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- Empirically treated pip/taz and levofloxacin in another center, without clinical improvement.
- The patient was transferred to our hospital
- Close contact in last months
- PPD test and QuantiFERON-TB: positive
- Sputum smear: negative
- BAL: positive
- Ethambutol, isoniazid, moxifloxacin, and pyrazinamide (latter stopped after 2 months) for 18 months



Clinical Characteristics

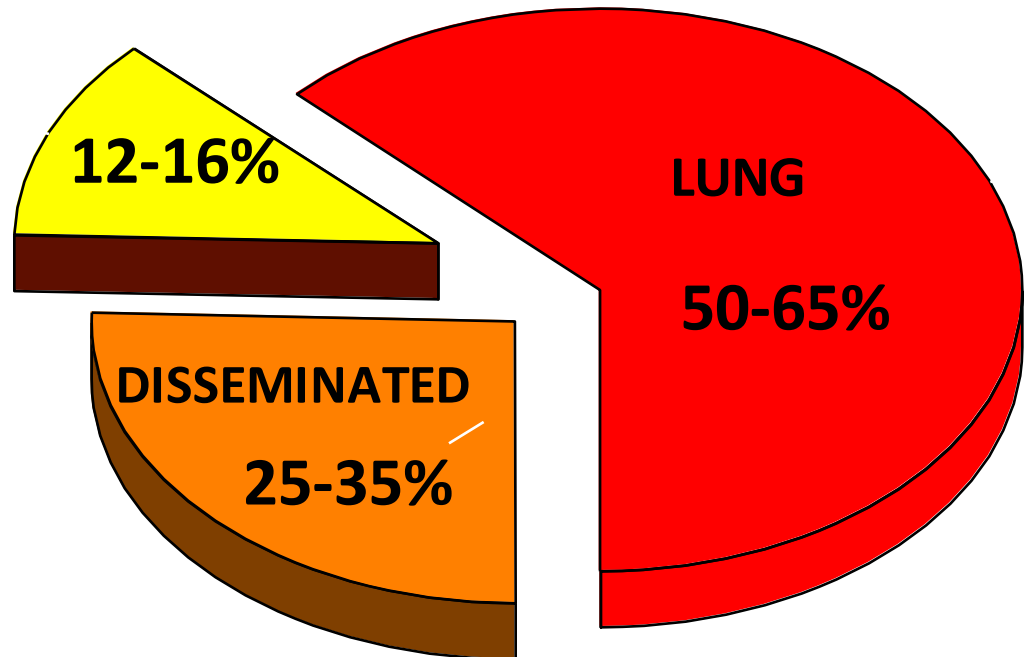
(RESITRA Cohort, 2002-2005)

	Early TB (< 3 mo.)	Late TB (> 3 mo.)
Time of onset	20 days (5-50 days)	12 months (3-30 m)
Frequency	10%	90%
Source Risk factors	TB in transplant candidate. Donor transmission. Latent TB (Chest XR, PPD).	Reactivation. Nosocomial. Primary infection.
Clinical manifestations	Pulmonary , extra-pulmonary, disseminated, FUO.	Pulmonary
Crude mortality	40%	15-20%
Related mortality	2-3%	1%

Sites of infection

EXTRAPULMONARY

- ✓ Skin and soft tissues 4%,
- ✓ Osteoarticular 1%
- ✓ Genitourinary 0.6%
- ✓ Liver, pancreas, larynx, adrenal glands, thyroid, eye



Think about TB!!

- 38 year old woman.
- Pain in right hand 6 years after KT
- TST -
- Normal chest X-ray
- Wrist lesion



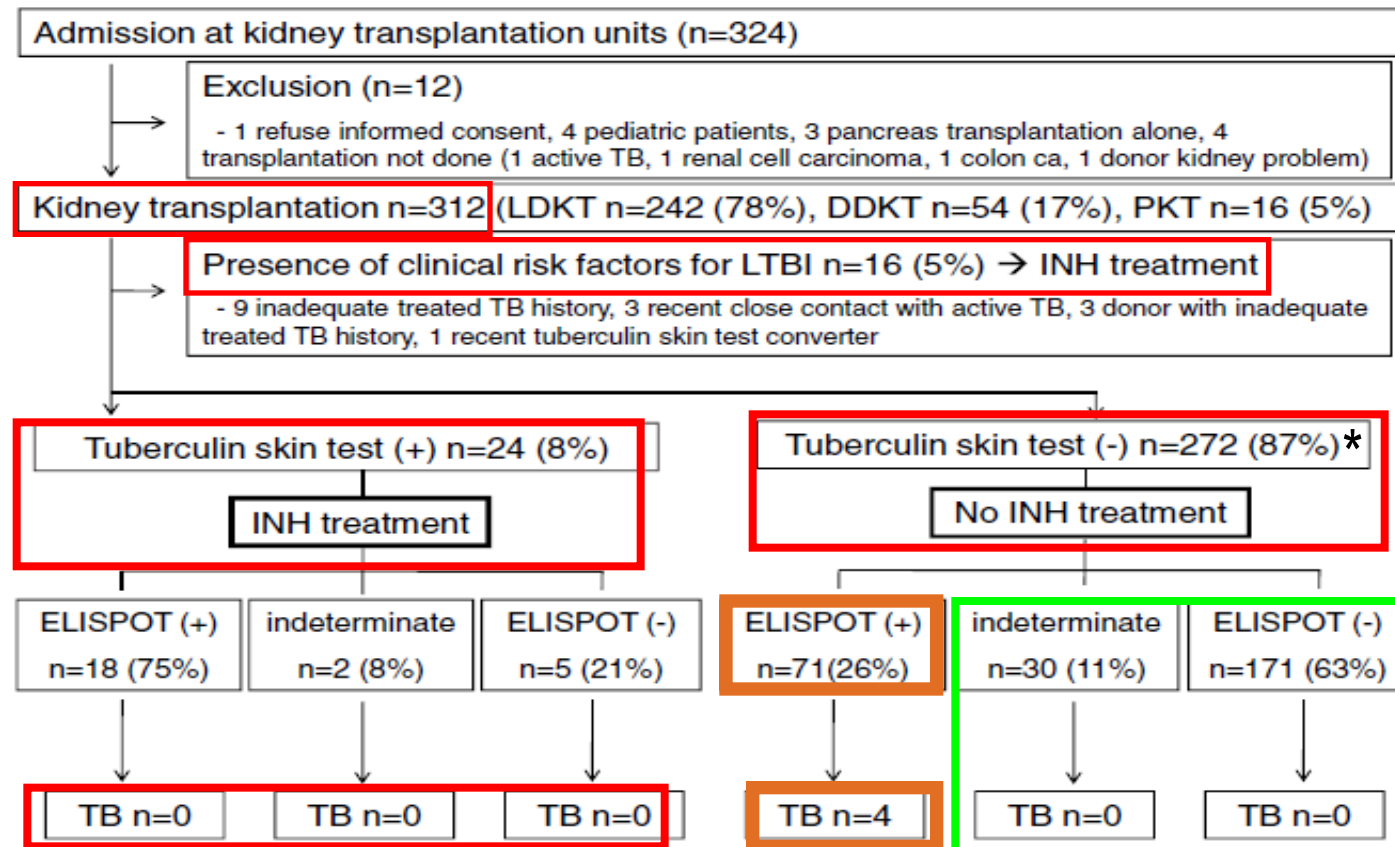
- Consider TB in any transplant recipient with FUO or infection of unclear origin
- Take samples for MTB even if other microorganisms are isolated

Diagnosis

- **Delayed diagnosis > mortality**
 - ✓ association with other infections
 - ✓ aggressive diagnostic techniques: FB, BX...
- **TST testing**
 - ✓ Low efficacy (only 20-25% of patients are PPD+)
- **IGRAs: Quantiferon-TB Gold, T-SPOT.TB**
 - ✓ IFN-g from sensitized Lymphocytes

A Prospective Longitudinal Study Evaluating the Usefulness of a T-Cell-Based Assay for Latent Tuberculosis Infection in Kidney Transplant Recipients

Kim S-H et al. Am J Transplant 2011;11:1927



* TST (>10 mm) was performed immediately before or after of surgery . No booster.



The Diagnostic Accuracy of Tests for Latent Tuberculosis Infection in Hemodialysis Patients: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

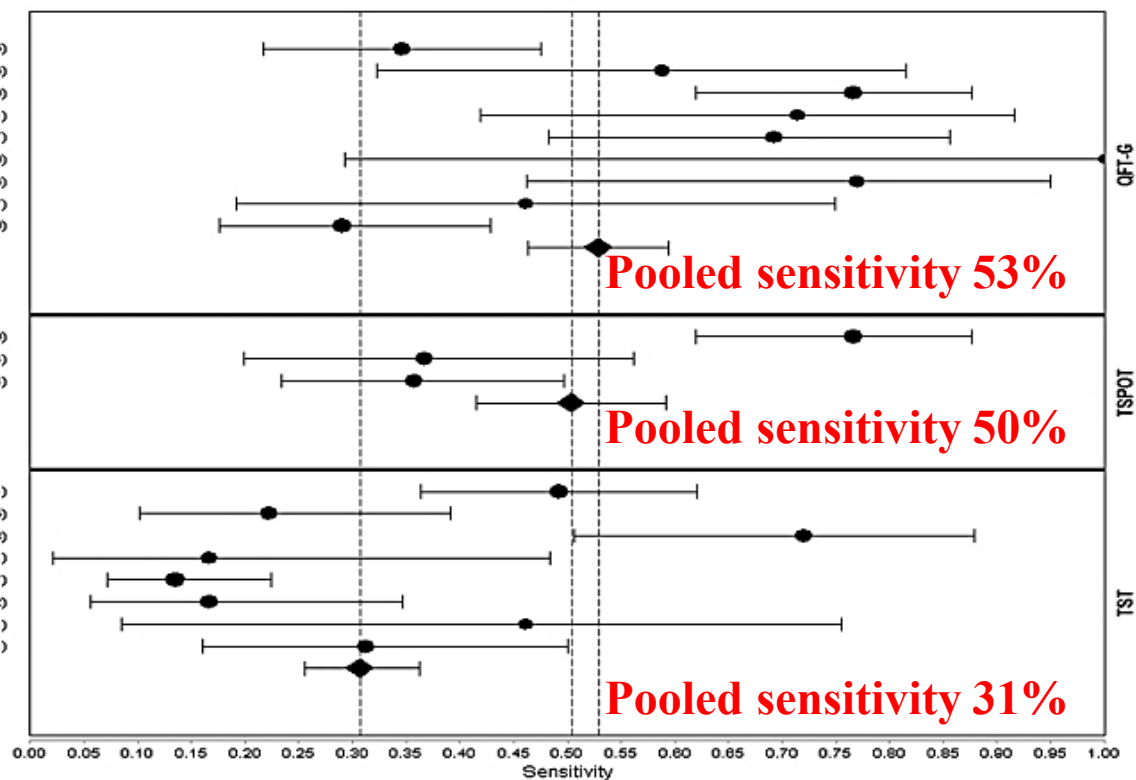
Thomas W. Ferguson,^{1,2} Navdeep Tangri,^{1,2,3} Kerry Macdonald,^{2,4} Brett Hiebert,¹ Claudio Rigatto,^{2,3} Manish M. Sood,⁵ Souradet Shaw,¹ Blake Lerner,² Yang Xu,² Salaheddin Mahmud,¹ and Paul Komenda^{2,3}

Sensitivity of the QFT-G, TSPOT.TB, and TST (indeterminate results excluded)

Author	Year	LTBI Proxy	95% CI
Anibarro	2012	Previous contact	0.3462 (0.2168 - 0.4755)
Ates	2009	Previous contact	0.5882 (0.3232 - 0.8158)
Chung	2010	Combination	0.7660 (0.6197 - 0.8770)
Hoffmann	2010	Combination	0.7143 (0.4190 - 0.9181)
Inoue	2009	History of TB infection	0.6923 (0.4821 - 0.8567)
Lee	2010	Previous contact	1.0000 (0.2924 - 1.0000)
Seyhan	2010	Previous contact	0.7692 (0.4619 - 0.9498)
Triverio	2009	Combination	0.4615 (0.1922 - 0.7487)
Winthrop	2008	Previous contact	0.2609 (0.1763 - 0.4290)
Pooled Sensitivity			0.5262 (0.4639 - 0.5837)
Chi-square			49.4305, df = 8 (p < 0.0001)
Inconsistency (I-square)			83.80%

Chung	2010	Combination	0.7660 (0.6197 - 0.8770)
Passalent	2007	Previous contact	0.3687 (0.1993 - 0.5614)
Winthrop	2008	Previous contact	0.3571 (0.2335 - 0.4984)
Pooled Sensitivity			0.5038 (0.4158 - 0.5918)
Chi-square			25.3214, df = 2 (p < 0.0001)
Inconsistency (I-square)			92.10%

Ates	2010	Previous contact	0.4921 (0.3638 - 0.6211)
Chung	2010	Combination	0.2222 (0.1012 - 0.3915)
Habesoglu	2007	Previous contact	0.7200 (0.5081 - 0.8793)
Hoffmann	2010	Combination	0.1667 (0.0209 - 0.4841)
Lingquist	2002	Previous contact	0.1348 (0.0717 - 0.2237)
Passalent	2007	Previous contact	0.1667 (0.0584 - 0.3472)
Seyhan	2010	Previous contact	0.4615 (0.0852 - 0.7551)
Wauters	2004	Previous contact	0.3125 (0.1612 - 0.5001)
Pooled Sensitivity			0.3087 (0.2550 - 0.3822)
Chi-square			57.2400, df = 7 (p < 0.0001)
Inconsistency (I-square)			87.80%



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Official American Thoracic Society/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Infectious Diseases Society of America Clinical Practice Guidelines: Treatment of Drug-Susceptible Tuberculosis

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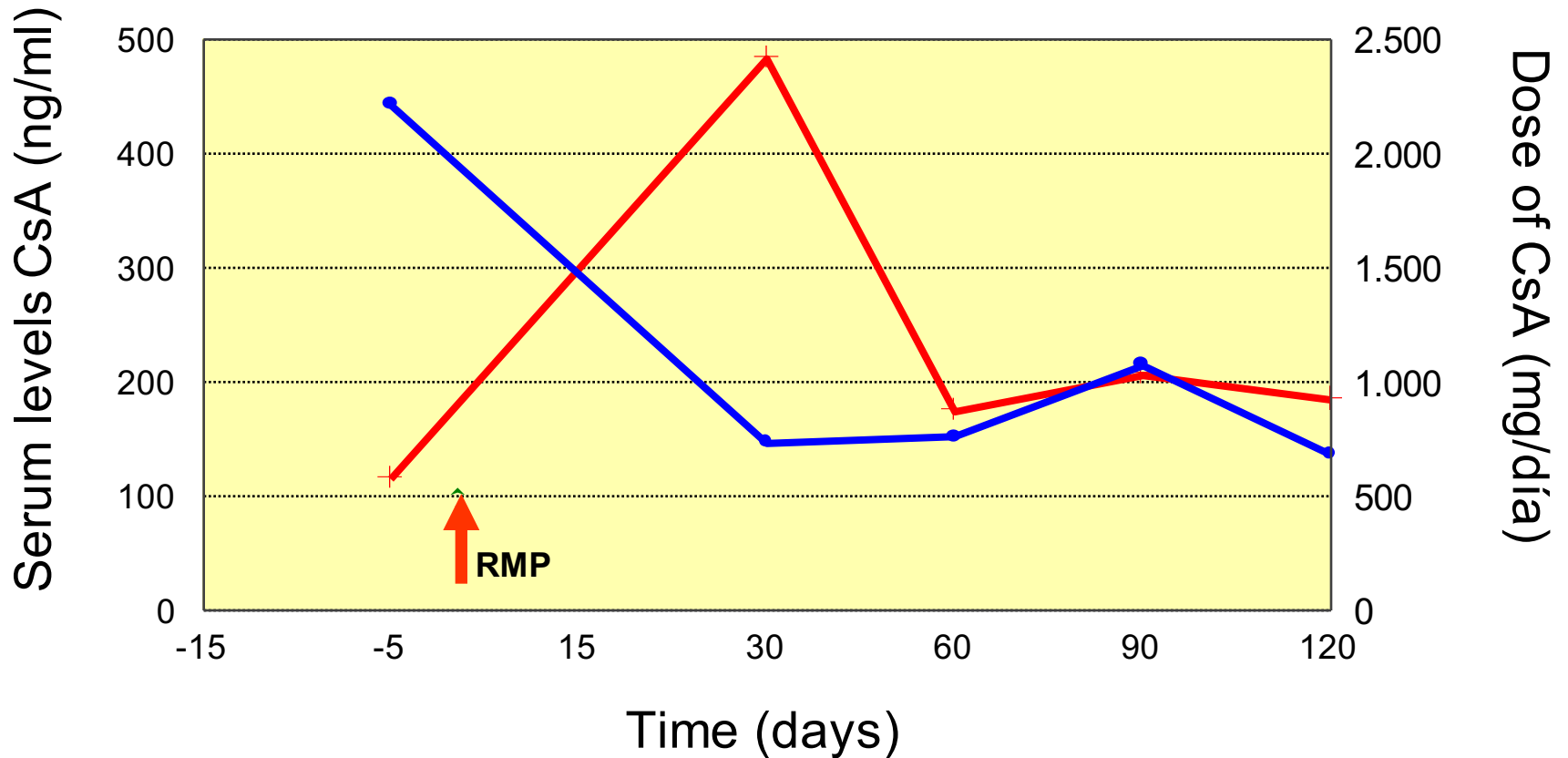
**No data and recommendations on TB
in SOT recipients**

Interactions with Antituberculous drugs

	CyA	FK	MMF	SRL
Isoniazid	-	-	-	-
Rifampin	↓ ↓	↓ ↓	↓	↓ ↓
Rifabutin	↓	↓	↓	↓
Pirazinamide	↓	-	-	-
Etambutol	-	-	-	-
Moxifloxacin	-	-	-	-
Cicloserin	*	-	-	-

* Increase the levels of antituberculous drugs

Interaction between CsA and RFM



Impact of rifampin based anti-tuberculosis regimens on outcomes in SOT recipients

- **63 SOT recipients with TB: RIF 26, non-RIF 37**
- **Rejection rate and death at 1 year were similar in both groups.**
- **Immune Reconstitution Syndrome (IRS) more frequent in RIF than in non-RIF (27% vs 5,4%, $p=.04$)**
- **Mortality at 1 y: 33% with IRS, 14% without IRS ($p=0.15$)**

Mycobacterium Tuberculosis—Associated Immune Reconstitution Syndrome in Solid-Organ Transplant Recipients

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SRI in 14%; median 47 days after TX; mortality at 1 year: 33,3% with SRI and 17,2% without SRI

TABLE 3. Multivariate analysis of factors associated with immune reconstitution syndrome (Model 1)

Factor	Reference Group	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P	
Liver transplantation	No liver transplantation	6.11 (1.08–34.86)	0.04	
Rifampin use	No rifampin use	4.56 (0.74–27.95)	0.10	
CMV infection	No CMV infection	5.65 (0.93–34.47)	0.06	
Risk prediction of IRS				
One of the above factors present	None of the above factors present	11.26 (0.11–14.95)	0.85	
More than one of the above factors present	None of the above factors present	19.00 (1.89–190.92)	0.01	
Diagnostic accuracy and estimates of probability of IRS using liver transplantation, rifampin use, and CMV infection in the model				
Cut point	Sensitivity	Specificity	Positive predictive value	Negative predictive value
≥1 (one or more factor present)	88.89	34.55	18.18	95
≥2 (two or more factors present)	66.67	89.09	50	94.23
>3 (three or more factors present)	22.22	100	100	88.71

Mycobacterial infections in solid organ transplant recipients

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- ✓ For localized, non-severe forms of TB and periods with high rejection rates, it may be advisable **to avoid the use of rifamycins** (B-II). INH and EMB (or PZA) for 12-18 months (CIII).
- ✓ For severe forms or disseminated TB, the use of a TB regimen that **includes RIF or rifabutin** should be considered (B-II). INH and RIF or rifabutin for at least 9 months (BIII).

Reduce immunosuppression?

- ✓ **Controversial. Consider in severe cases in kidney Tx**

WHO guidelines on LTBI

Recommend regimens

- 6-mo. isoniazid
- 9-mo. isoniazid
- 3-mo. rifapentine + isoniazid once per week
- 3–4 mo. isoniazid plus rifampicin
- 3–4 mo. rifampicin alone

Short-Course Isoniazid Plus Rifapentine Directly Observed Therapy for Latent Tuberculosis in Solid-Organ Transplant Candidates

- ❖ INH/RPT for LTBI during 12 weeks (DOT)
- ❖ 13/17 SOT (76%) successfully completed therapy
- ❖ No patient $\uparrow$ ALAT/ASAT x2 basal or x4 normal upper limit
- ❖ None developed clinical hepatotoxicity.
- ❖ No cases of TB during 20.4 months after transplant

Twelve-Week Rifapentine Plus Isoniazid Versus 9-Month Isoniazid for the Treatment of Latent Tuberculosis in Renal Transplant Candidates

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- ❖ **Retrospective study of RTC with LTBI**
- ❖ **153 patients: 43 on 12-week RPT/INH and 110 on 9-month INH.**
- ❖ **Treatment completion higher in the 12-week RPT/INH group (93% vs 47%, $P < 0.001$).**
- ❖ **Transaminase elevations not observed in the RPT/INH group, but occurred in 6 (5%) of the INH group.**
- ❖ **There were no differences in adverse reactions leading to discontinuation of LTBI treatment.**

Transplantation. 2016 Jul 12. [Epub ahead of print]



Three months of weekly rifapentine plus isoniazid for latent tuberculosis treatment in solid organ transplant candidates

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Methods

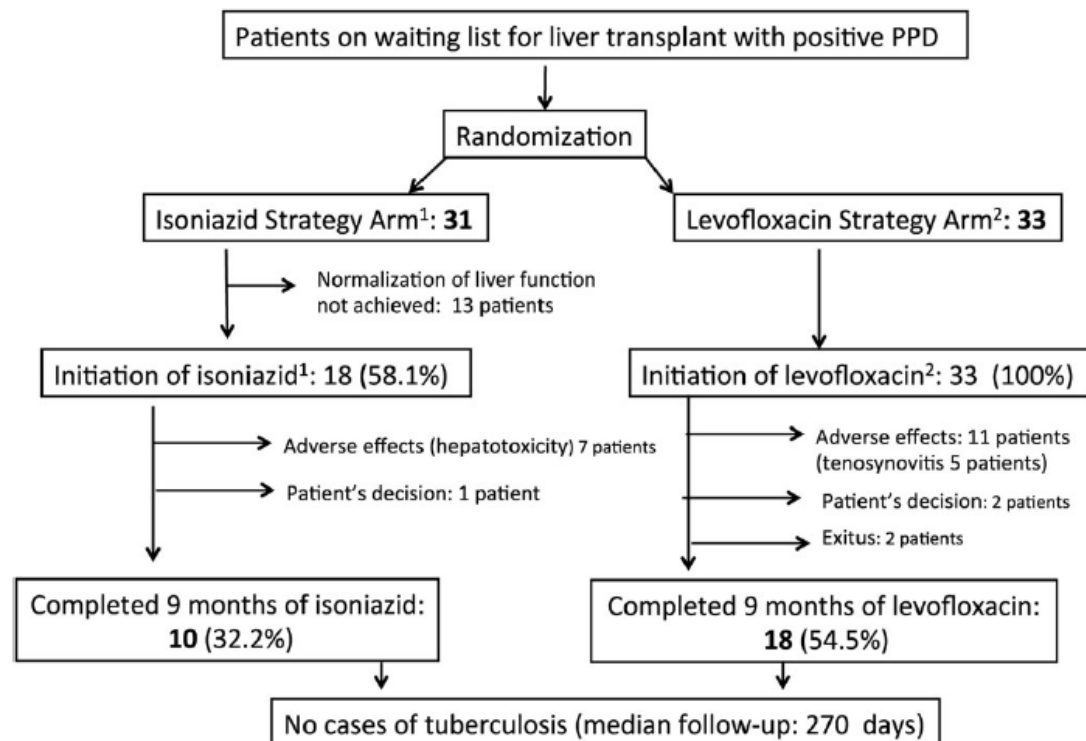
Twelve consecutive SOT candidates who underwent DOT with 3HP for LTBI at Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, New York, USA, between January 2013 and August 2016 were prospectively evaluated for tolerability and safety of 3HP. The diagnosis of LTBI was made in a person with a positive interferon-gamma release test, without a history of previously treated active or latent tuberculosis infection, and without signs, symptoms, or radiographic evidence of active tuberculosis. Patients were followed up 1 month after treatment completion and at routine follow-up visits with their transplant providers.

Results

Eleven patients were men, and the median age was 60 years (range 44–72). Eight patients were liver, and four kidney transplant candidates. The median Model for End-Stage Liver Disease (MELD score) was 17 (range 10–31). All patients completed treatment. Only a single patient developed transaminitis greater than twice the baseline value. Three patients underwent liver transplantation. None of them developed tuberculosis at 9, 22, or 40 months following transplantation.

Tuberculosis Prophylaxis With Levofloxacin in Liver Transplant Patients Is Associated With a High Incidence of Tenosynovitis: Safety Analysis of a Multicenter Randomized Trial

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¹ Within 6 months after transplantation

² On waiting list for transplantation

PPD: purified protein derivate skin test

Limitations for the Control of TBC RESITRA Network

Transplant type	PPD performed/total patients ^a (%)	PPD positive/PPD performed ^b (%)	Prophylaxis/PPD positive ^c (%)
Heart	266/404 (65.8)	40/266 (15.0)	30/40 (75.0)
Kidney	625/2052 (30.5)	85/625 (13.6)	45/85 (52.9)
Liver	695/1507 (46.1)	162/695 (23.3)	48/162 (29.6)
Kidney-pancreas	17/122 (13.9)	4/17 (23.5)	2/4 (50.0)
Lung	172/303 (56.8)	47/172 (27.3)	22/47 (46.8)
All	1775/4388 (40.5)	338/1775 (19.0)	147/338 (43.5)

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European Survey TB (ESGICH)

(16 European countries, 50 transplant programs)

■ Screening of TB in SOT candidates

- systematically 61%
- only in patients with risk factors 30%
- no screening 9%

■ Treatment of latent TB (Prophylaxis)

- prior to liver TX 38%
- no treatment LTB 5%-18% (depending on the organ)
- considered a temporary contraindication for TX 32%

Conclusions

- ✓ Incidence > general population
- ✓ Mortality of SOT recipients with TB has improve in the current era
- ✓ Diagnosis of active TB is challenging because of unusual manifestations
- ✓ Treatment requires control of interactions
- ✓ Prophylaxis reduces the risk of developing TB, but is complicated because of:
 - Difficulty in identifying pts at risk
 - Toxicity of therapy

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