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# New Frontiers: Innovation and Access

## The Future of DST

Next Generation Technologies

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# Paradigm shift

## Culture Based Testing (Phenotypic) cDST or pDST

Measured bacterial growth in the presence at a critical concentration of an anti-TB drug which correlates with a poor clinical outcome

Solid/Liquid (MGIT) cDST and MIC plate-based technologies



## Molecular Based Testing (Genotypic) mDST or gDST

Mutations linked to resistant phenotypes.  
Most knowledgeable:  
INH, RIF, PZA, FQ, and SLIs

### New Tools

LPA, CBNAAT, DNA Chip, and sequencing-based technologies

# Features: phenotypic vs. genotypic

## pDST

- Requires establishment of Critical Concentrations
- Requires BSL3 facilities
- Requires culture
- Time to results: weeks to months

## gDST

- Requires knowledge of mechanisms related to DR
- Requires BSL2 facilities
- Potentially culture free
- Time to results: hours to days

Current WHO approved molecular technologies have **limited capacity**, covering only specific gene targets or regions of DNA

# Pipeline molecular technologies

- Expanded use and access
- Diversified placement
- Multi-disease testing
- **Remain limited in capacity**

Centralized high-throughput platforms  
WHO data review July 2019



**Hain FluoroType**



**Abbott m2000**



**BD Max**



**Roche Cobas**



**Cepheid XDR**

Gene	Encoded drug resistance
katG	Isoniazid (may also include Ethionamide)
inhA	
Ahpc-OxyR	
fabG1	Fluoroquinolones
gyrA	
gyrB	
rrs	Amikacin, Kanamycin, Capreomycin
eis promoter	

Trials start this year,  
WHO review 2020



**Moblio Truenat MTB/RIF**

Currently Available Chip based Real Time PCR Tests

<a href="#">Truenat™ MTB</a>	<a href="#">Truenat™ MTB-RIF Dx</a>
<a href="#">Truenat™ HBV</a>	<a href="#">Truenat™ H1N1</a>
<a href="#">Truenat™ Dengue</a>	<a href="#">Truenat™ Chikungunya</a>
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<a href="#">Truenat™ Malaria Pv/Pf</a>	<a href="#">Truenat™ MTB Plus</a>
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Trials underway,  
WHO review 2020

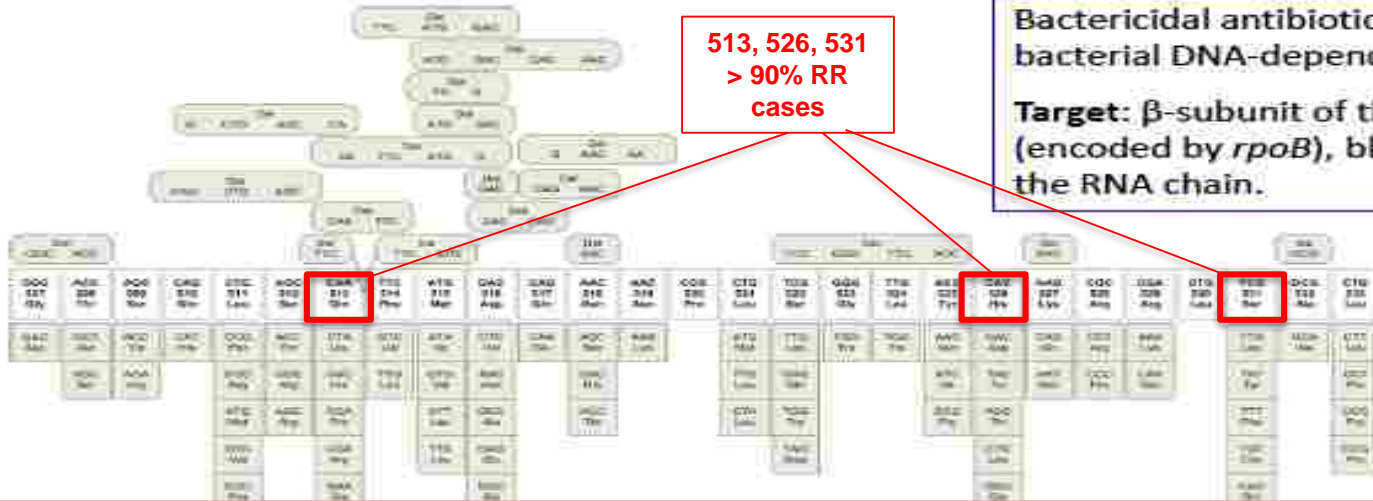
# Rifampicin resistance studies

## Rifampicin (RIF)

513, 526, 531  
> 90% RR  
cases

Bactericidal antibiotic that inhibits the bacterial DNA-dependent RNA polymerase.

Target:  $\beta$ -subunit of the RNA polymerase (encoded by *rpoB*), blocking elongation of the RNA chain.

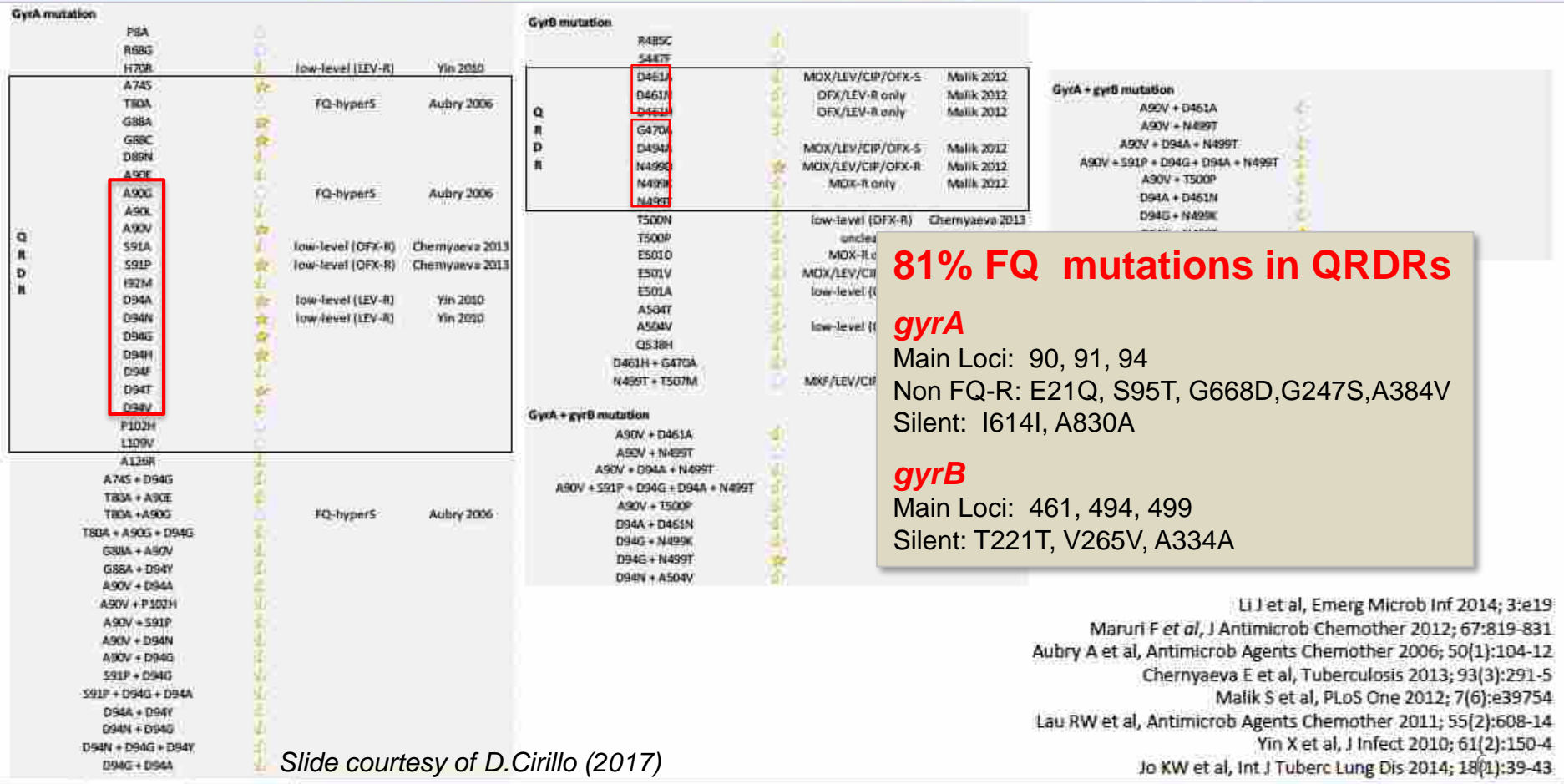


Others outside of *rpoB* (81bp): V146F and I572F

Silent Mutations: F506, T508, Q510, L511, Q513, F514, T525, A532, L533, P535

Mutations in a “hot-spot” region of 81 bp of *rpoB* gene (Rifampin resistance-determining region) → RIF resistance (> 95%)

# Fluoroquinolone resistance studies

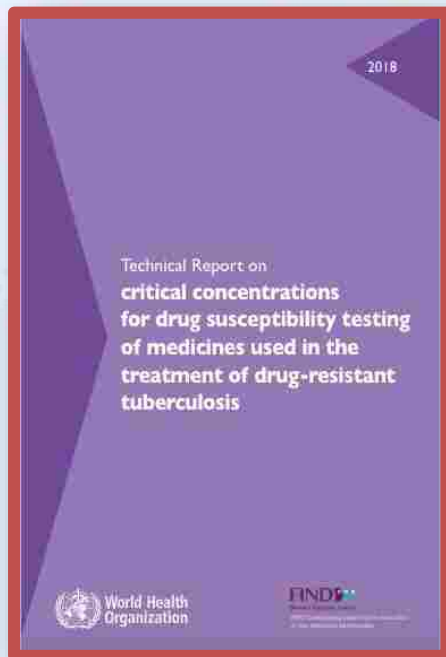


# Markers of resistance to anti-TB drugs

Anti-TB Drug	Gene Targets
<i>Isoniazid</i>	<i>katG, inhA, ndh, aphC, oxyR, mshA, furA</i>
<i>Rifampicin</i>	<i>rpoB</i>
<i>Ethambutol</i>	<i>embB, aftA, embA, embC, ubiA</i>
<i>Pyrazinamide</i>	<i>pncA, rpsa, panD</i>
<i>Streptomycin</i>	<i>rpsL, rrs, gidB</i>
<i>Amikacin/Kanamycin</i>	<i>rrs, eis, whibB</i>
<i>Capreomycin</i>	<i>rrs, tlyA, eis, whibB</i>
<i>Fluroquinolones</i>	<i>gyrA, gyrB, mfpA, pstB, lfrA, corD</i>
<i>Eth/Prothionamide</i>	<i>ethA, ethR, inhA, ndh, mshA, furA</i>
<i>p-aminosalicyclic acid</i>	<i>thyA, dfiA, folC, ribD</i>
<i>Cycloserine/Terizidone</i>	<i>alr, ald, ddl, cycA</i>
<i>Linezolid</i>	<i>rrl, rplC</i>
<i>Clofazamine</i>	<i>mmpR (Rv0678)</i>
<i>Bedaquiline</i>	<i>mmpR (Rv0678), atpE, mmpL5, mmpS5, pepQ</i>
<i>Delamanid</i>	<i>ddn, fdg1, fbiA, fbiB, fbiC</i>

- *Know where to identify resistance conferring mutations*
- *Defined highest frequency gene targets*

# New WHO guidance 2018



- **Systematic review** of pheno/genotypic data
- Defined new critical concentrations
- **Identify resistance associated mutations**
- **Critical concentrations** for reclassified drugs
- Outlined drug preparations and protocols per media
- Reliability of pDST per drug
- Recommended testing

Group	Medicine	Abbreviation	Critical concentrations (µg/ml) for DST by medium			
			Löwenstein Jensen <sup>1</sup>	Middlebrook 7H10 <sup>1</sup>	Middlebrook 7H11 <sup>1</sup>	BACTEC MGIT liquid culture <sup>1</sup>
Group A	Levofloxacin (CC)	LFX <sup>2,3</sup>	<b>2.0</b>	1.0	-	1.0
	Moxifloxacin (CC)	MFX <sup>2,3</sup>	<b>1.0</b>	0.5	0.5	0.25
	Moxifloxacin (CB) <sup>4</sup>		-	2.0	-	1.0
	Bedaquiline <sup>5</sup>	BDQ	-	-	<b>0.25</b>	<b>1.0</b>
	Linezolid <sup>6</sup>	LZD	-	1.0	1.0	1.0
Group B	Clofazimine	CFZ	-	-	-	<b>1.0</b>
	Cycloserine	CS	-	-	-	-
	Terizidone/Terizidone	TZD	-	-	-	-
Group C	Ethambutol <sup>7</sup>	E	2.0	5.0	7.5	5.0
	Delamanid <sup>8</sup>	DM	-	-	<b>0.016</b>	<b>0.06</b>
	Pyrazinamide <sup>9</sup>	PZA	-	-	-	100.0
	Imipenem-cilastatin	IMP/CLN	-	-	-	-
	Meropenem	MPM	-	-	-	-
	Amikacin <sup>10</sup> (Or Streptomycin)	AMK (S)	30.0 4.0	2.0 2.0	- 2.0	1.0 1.0
	Ethionamide	ETO	40.0	5.0	10.0	5.0
	Prothionamide	PTO	40.0	-	-	2.5
	Para-aminosalicylic acid	PAS	-	-	-	-

[https://www.who.int/tb/areas-of-work/laboratory/policy\\_statements/en/](https://www.who.int/tb/areas-of-work/laboratory/policy_statements/en/)

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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)	rpoB	P505V, D516Y, P514del, M516N, D61V, H524L		T11P, H526N, R572P	
Isoniazid (H)	inhA, mabA	S215L, S311L			g-102a <sup>del</sup> , i-30g, g-42c, T44, A110V, R443L, L499H, L48P, M111S
Second-line (group 1) Moxifloxacin (MFX)	gyrA				E21Q, S96T, G242S, G660D, V712L, E21Q, T80A, S96T, G242S, G660D, V712L
Second-line (group 1) Ofloxacin (OFX)/levofloxacin (LFX)	gyrA				
Second-line (group 1) Amikacin (AM) Kanamycin (KM)	rrs	Δ514c <sup>+</sup> , Δ1401g, Δc517a <sup>+</sup> , Δc517b <sup>+</sup>		g-27f, c-12f	Δ1338c
Capreomycin (CM)	rrs				c812f, D149H
Streptomycin (S)	rrs	M256K, pooled			L140I, V118G, pooled frameshifts and premature stop codons
Second-line (group 1) Pyrazinamide (Z)	zncA	i-12c, Δ-13g, C14R, G17D, L187D <sup>+</sup> , H157P, M171D, H71G, M177C, G170, V125F, V125I		L29, F58L, H71R, I133T, V139A	indel - c-125del, G17, L36R, T47A, I6L, K60T, T114M

Prediction accuracy when including all mutations, even low confidence

Drug	Genes	Accuracy
INH	katG, inhA, mabA (fabG1)	Se: 84% / Sp: 98%
	ahpC-oxyR	
RIF	rpoB	Se: 96% / Sp: 99%
FQ	gyrA, gyrB	Se: 89% / Sp: 100%
AMK	els, rrs	Se: 79% / Sp: 100%

- Grading:**
- ◆ High
  - ◆ Moderate
  - ◆ Minimal
  - ◆ None

Still accumulating data for LZD, CFZ, BDQ, DLM, etc

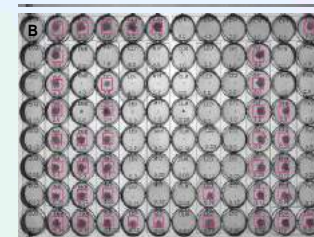
# Increasing knowledge to grade & interpret variants

## CRyPTIC Comprehensive Tuberculosis:

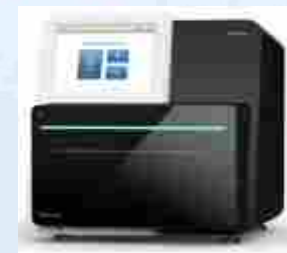
- 100,000 isolates: MDR, pre/XDR (6600 currently)
- Perform WGS / MICs
- Link data: pDST, MIC, genetic variants for grading and interpretation



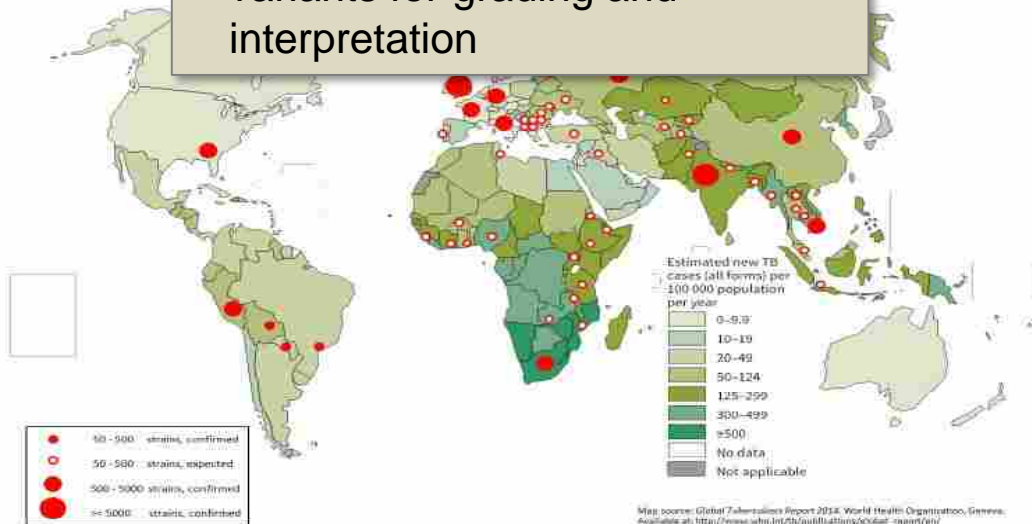
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Rifampicin  
Isoniazid



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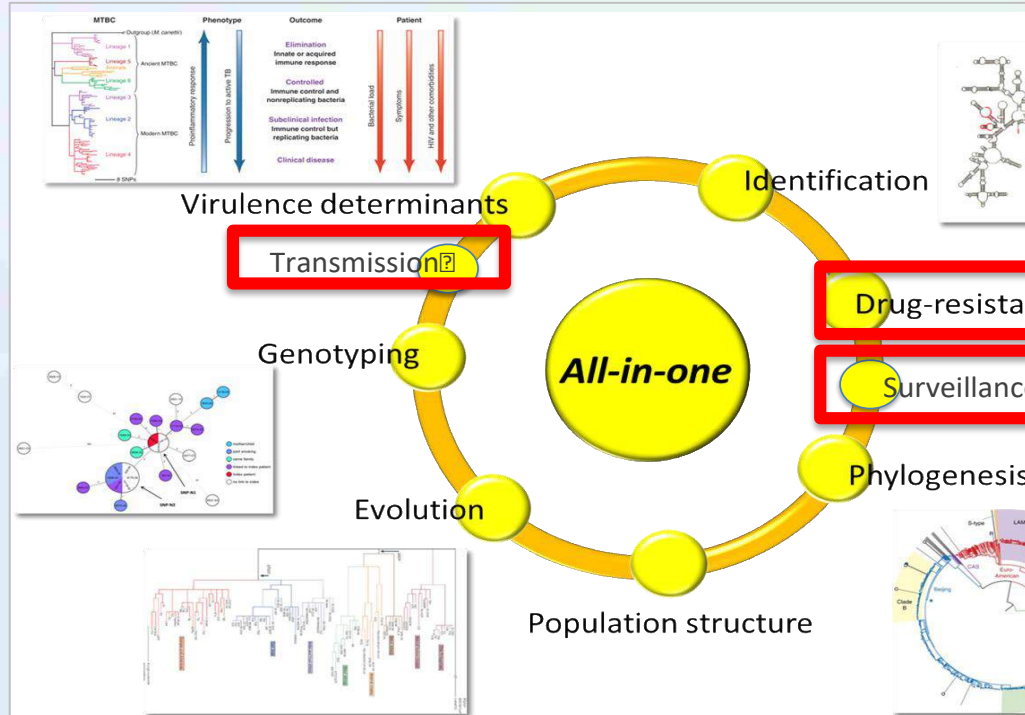
<http://www.crypticproject.org>

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# Can we move to sequencing for DR-TB?

# Next generation sequencing (NGS)



## Strengths

- High accuracy for known resistance
- High throughput (200 strains/batch)
- Rapid runtime 3-4 days/batch
- Cheaper than phenotypic testing
- Systems open and adaptable as new knowledge is acquired

## Limitations

- Knowledge on mutations for newer medicines is incomplete
- Contribution of hetero-resistance is not well understood
- The importance of efflux pumps and compensatory mechanisms remains unclear

## Approaches for DR-TB:

Whole genome: complete DNA sequence, require

Target-based: select genes, enriched from direct

# Target-based sequencing: Genoscreen Deeplex MycTB



Drug	Gene target
Rifampicin	rpoB
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## Species ID

Mycobacterial species (hsp65, rrs, rplC, rrl)

## Genotyping

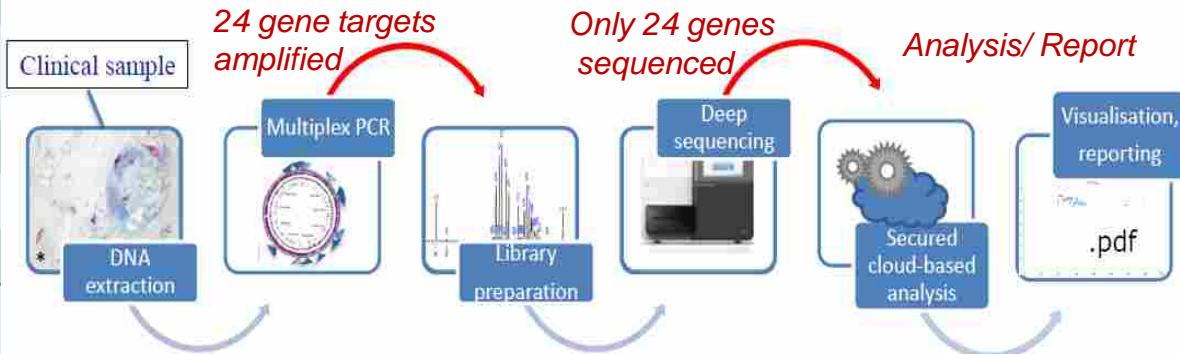
Spoligotyping

CRISPR/DR

Phylogenetic SNPs

- Target amplification from direct sputum sediment = **FAST**
- A 24-plex amplicon preparation before sequencing = **FOCUSED**
- Identifies species, genotype, and drug resistance profiling for 18 genes targets = **FUNDAMENTAL**

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



36-48h turnaround time, 4h hands-on time

# WGS surveillance studies

## Genetic sequencing for surveillance of drug resistance in tuberculosis in highly endemic countries: a multi-country population-based surveillance study



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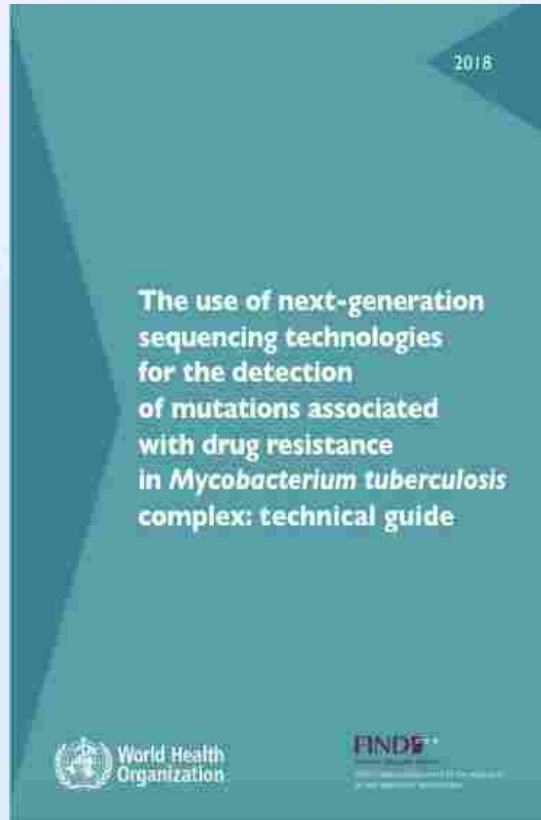


### The overall pooled sensitivity for predicting resistance by WGS:

- 91%** (87–94) for *rpoB* (rifampicin)
- 86%** (74–93) for *katG*, *inhA*, and *fabG* promoter combined (isoniazid)
- 54%** (39–68) for *pncA* (pyrazinamide)
- 85%** (77–91) for *gyrA/gyrB* combined (ofloxacin/levofloxacin)
- 88%** (81–92) for *gyrA/gyrB* combined (moxifloxacin)

For nearly all drugs and most settings, there was a correlation in the estimated prevalence of drug resistance by sequencing and the estimated prevalence by phenotypic testing.

# New technical guidance



- Reviews **current NGS methods** for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*
- Describes the **utility and limitations** of NGS and target-based sequencing
- Defines the principles behind mutations conferring drug resistance
- Illustrates the **accuracy of NGS** in a population-based study for drug-resistant TB
- Provides **considerations** for implementation

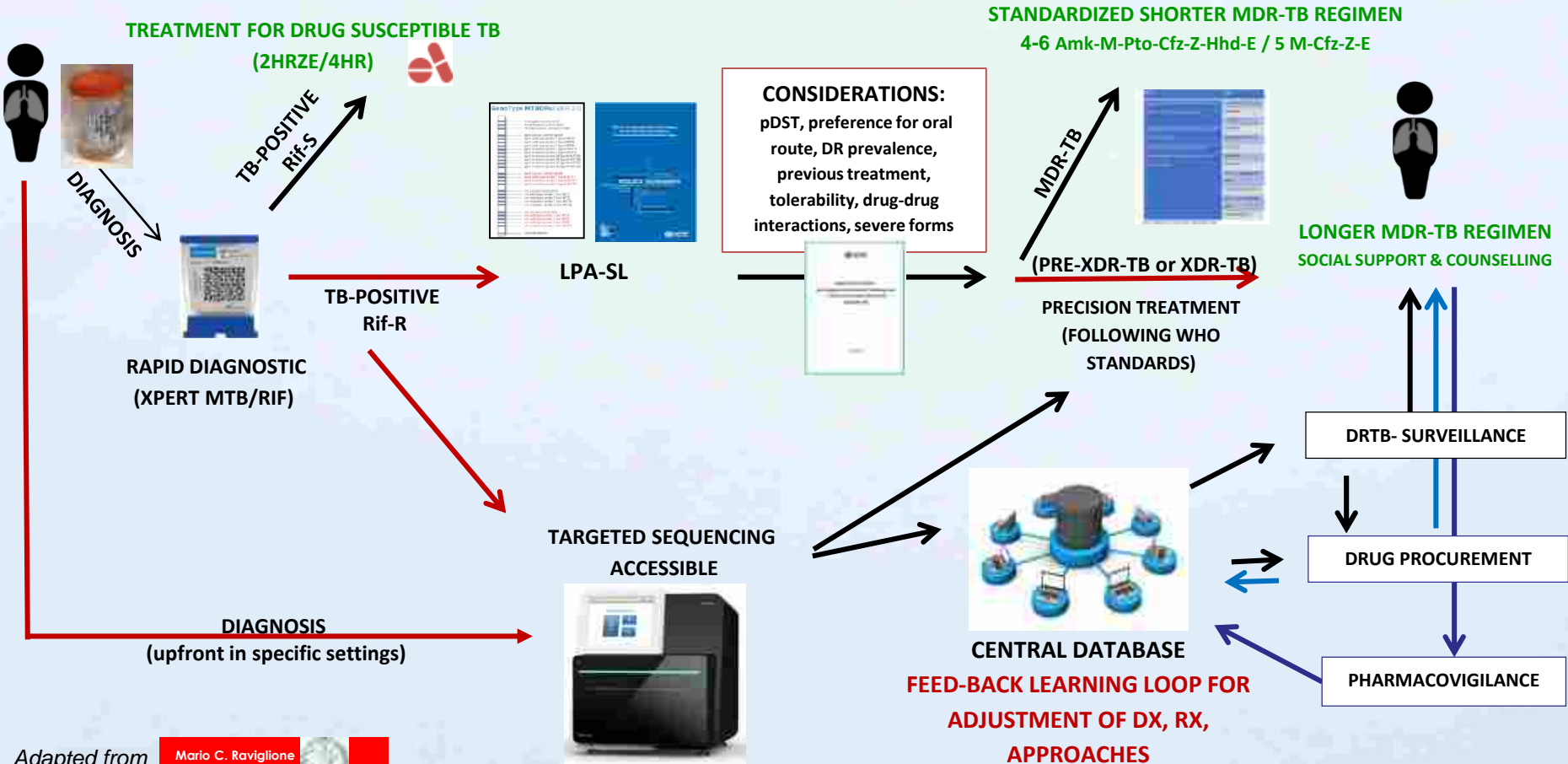
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Next-generation sequencing for drug-resistant TB

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A four-part webinar series on the use and implementation of next-generation sequencing (NGS) for drug-resistant TB (DR-TB)

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WEBINAR 1: February 5	11:00-12:00 CET
<b>Basic principles, practices, and guidance</b> 2018 WHO update on sequencing for DR-TB. Chris Crisp, WHO; implementing NGS and clinical use of NGS. Anthea van der Wal, Huisman and de Haan, University Medical Center, FHO	
WEBINAR 2: February 12	11:00-12:00 CET
<b>Interpreting and reporting mutations</b> Using a surveillance genetic database for to predict DR-TB phenotypes. Maria Alvarez, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid; Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex (MTC) genotyping. The Global Tuberculosis Programme (GTP); Standardized clinical reporting of sequencing data for DR-TB diagnosis. Angela Clarke, CDC	
WEBINAR 3: February 19	15:00-16:00 CET
<b>Applications, protocols, and workflows</b> Sequencing workflows. Aurora Costello, Imperial College London; Clinical use of sequencing and DR-TB applications studies: The Global Tuberculosis Programme (GTP); Standardized clinical reporting of sequencing data for DR-TB diagnosis. Angela Clarke, WHO	
WEBINAR 4: February 26	15:00-16:00 CET
<b>Experiences from early implementers</b> Molecular epidemiology of rifampicin-resistant tuberculosis (RR-TB) in the Americas. WHO; Sequencing workflows. Aurora Costello, Imperial College London; Clinical use of sequencing and DR-TB applications studies: The Global Tuberculosis Programme (GTP); Standardized clinical reporting of sequencing data for DR-TB diagnosis. Angela Clarke, WHO	

# Future programmatic response





# Summary

## ➤ **Rapid molecular technologies remain useful**

- Triage at near point of care (RR/FQR)
- High-throughput testing (reference level)
- But remain limited in capacity (targets)

## ➤ **NGS will play a significant role in the future**

### Target-based sequencing (Clinical diagnosis)

- Rapid and accurate diagnosis using graded-mutation encyclopedia
- Complete resistance profile in one test
- Eliminates pDST for many drugs (INH, RIF, FQ, AMK/S)
- pDST is unreliable for EMB, ETO/PTO, CS, PAS – rely on mutational correlates of resistance
- Building evidence for mutation correlates of resistance for LZD, CFZ, BDQ, DLM

### Whole genome sequencing (Surveillance/Transmission)

- Identify new mutations as strains evolve
- Study the role of efflux pumps
- Understand compensatory mechanisms underpinning resistance
- Evaluate transmission events

## ➤ **Future convention will rely on gDST over pDST as more knowledge is gained.**

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Спасибо  
THANK YOU



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