



# **RePORT India Consortium**

## **Regional Prospective Observational Research for TB**

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**Regional Prospective Observational  
Research for Tuberculosis**  
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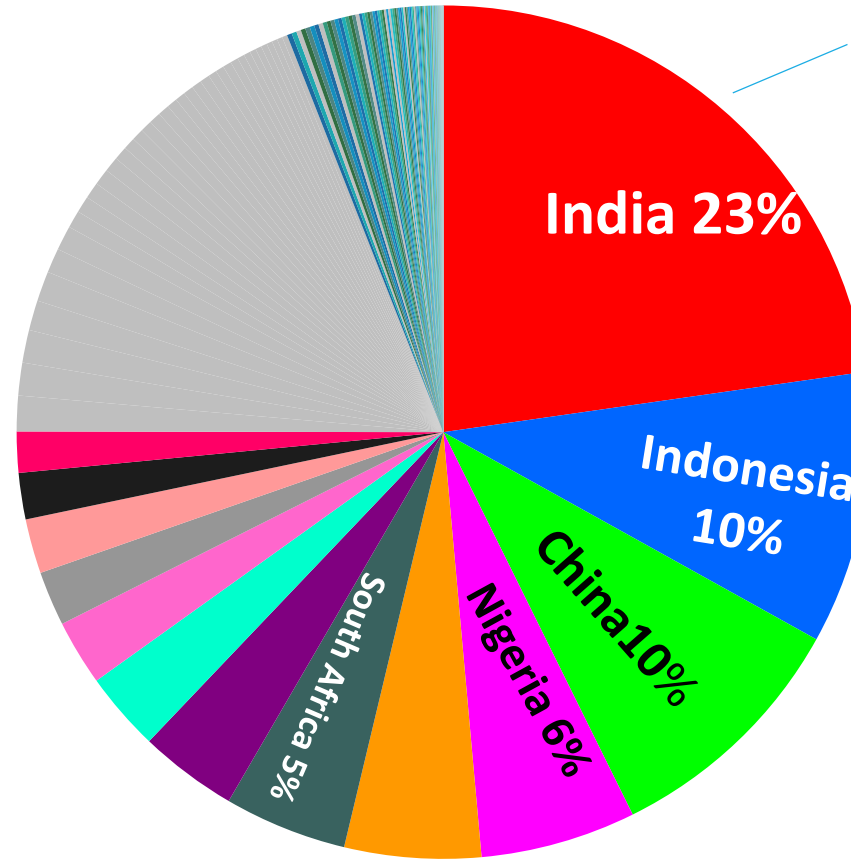
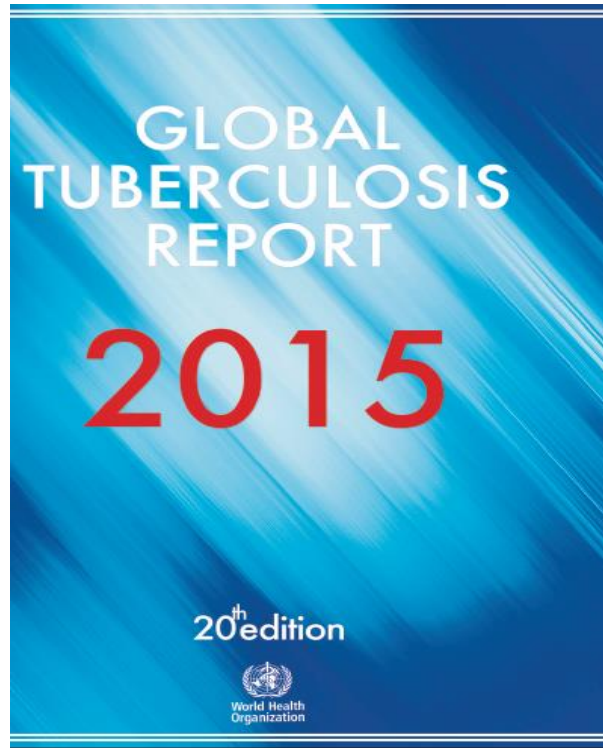
# Why RePORT India Consortium?

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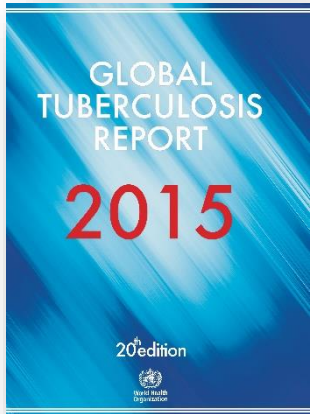
- Globally- India highest TB burden and many different comorbidities and drivers of TB
- TB research siloed and clinical research and basic research efforts not well coordinated
- Large and collaborative research = better and faster results!



# India ranks one in burden of TB: 23% of all cases



2.2 million of 9.6 million global TB cases



# India - TB Burden

## Estimated Incidence

## Estimated # Deaths

**All forms TB**

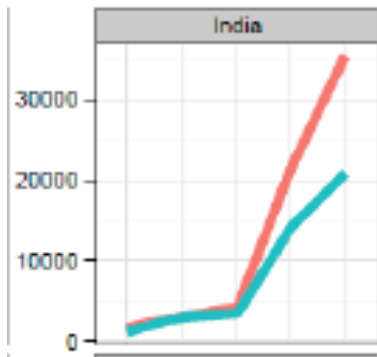
**2.2 million**  
**(2.0 -2.3 million)**  
**(Rate 167)**

**0.22 million\***  
**(0.15 -0.25 million)**

**HIV-associated TB**

**0.11 million**  
**(0.09-0.12 million)**

**390,000**



**MDR TB**

**71,000**  
**amongst notified cases**

**190,000**



# TB-Diabetes burden in India

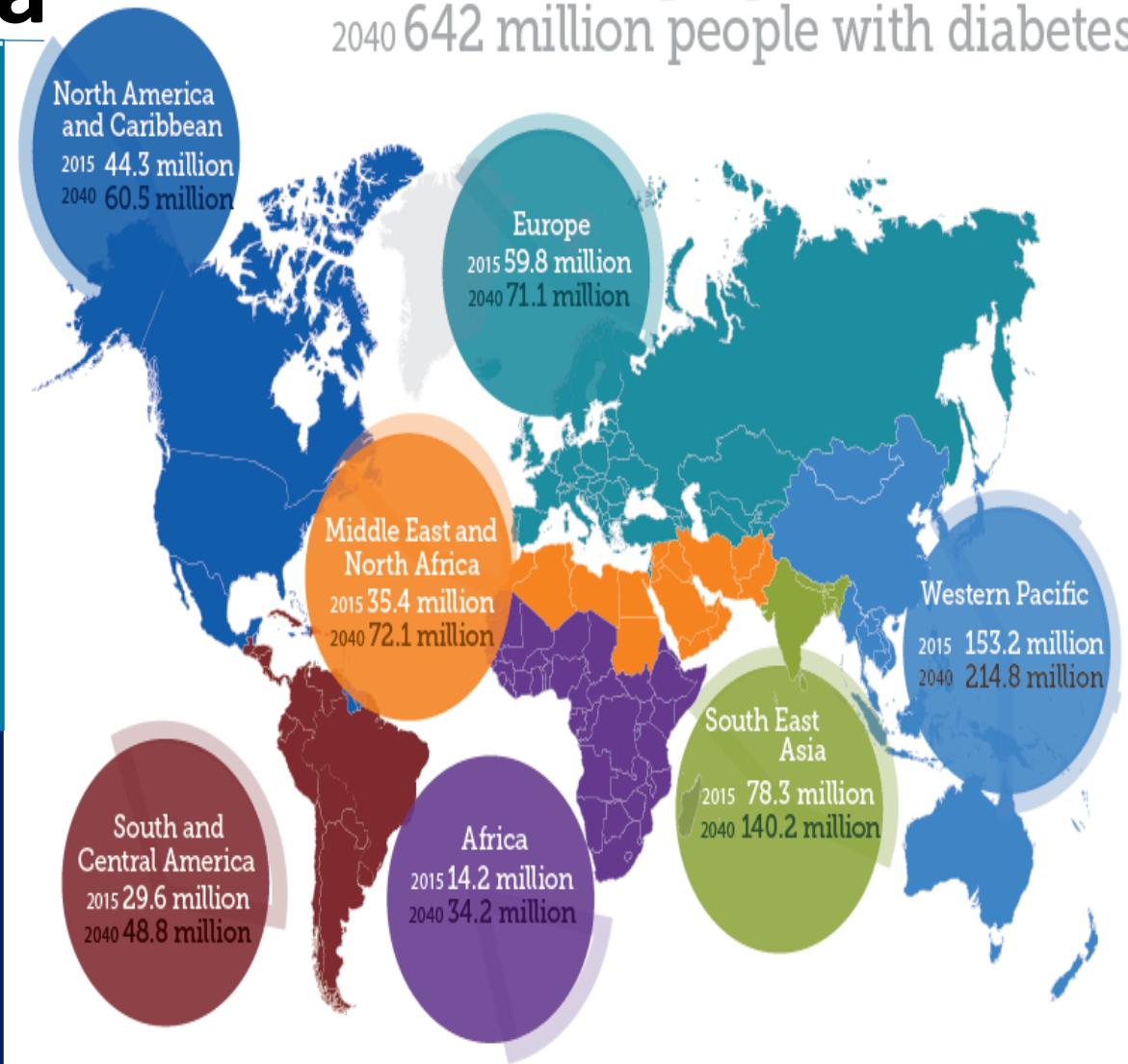
## Prevalence of Diabetes in TB Patients: Recent Studies

| Region                  | TB Patients w/Diabetes | Year Published |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Karnataka State, India  | 32%                    | 2011           |
| Kerala State, India     | 44%                    | 2012           |
| Tamil Nadu State, India | 25%                    | 2012           |
| Texas, USA              | 39%                    | 2011           |
| Mexico                  | 36%                    | 2011           |
| Tanzania                | 17%                    | 2011           |
| Pakistan                | 16%                    | 2012           |
| South Pacific           | 40-45%                 | 2013           |

**India has the largest number of diabetes mellitus patients (estimated 70 million) and TB-DM**

**\*THE LOOMING CO-EPIDEMIC OF TB-DIABETES: A CALL TO ACTION**

Worldwide 2015 415 million people with diabetes  
2040 642 million people with diabetes







“India lives in 5 centuries at the same time”

Rapid transition from one of the poorest to now 7<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world. However ranks 135<sup>th</sup> among 187 countries on The Human Development Index (a composite measure of health, education, and living standards)



# What is RePORT India Consortium?

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- **Bilateral, multi-organizational collaborative initiative sponsored by the US and Indian Governments under the auspices of INDO-US Vaccine Action Program (VAP) to address the threat of TB in India and across the globe**
  - **US:** The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (**NIAID/NIH**)
  - **India:** The Government of India's Department of Biotechnology (**DBT**) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (**ICMR**)

## **MISSION:**

- **Advance regional TB science** in India
- **Strengthen TB research capacity and infrastructure** in India
- Serve as an entity to **foster research collaboration** within India and internationally, with the aim of carrying out a range of basic and clinical research that can lead to **clinically important biomarkers, vaccines, drugs, and diagnostics**



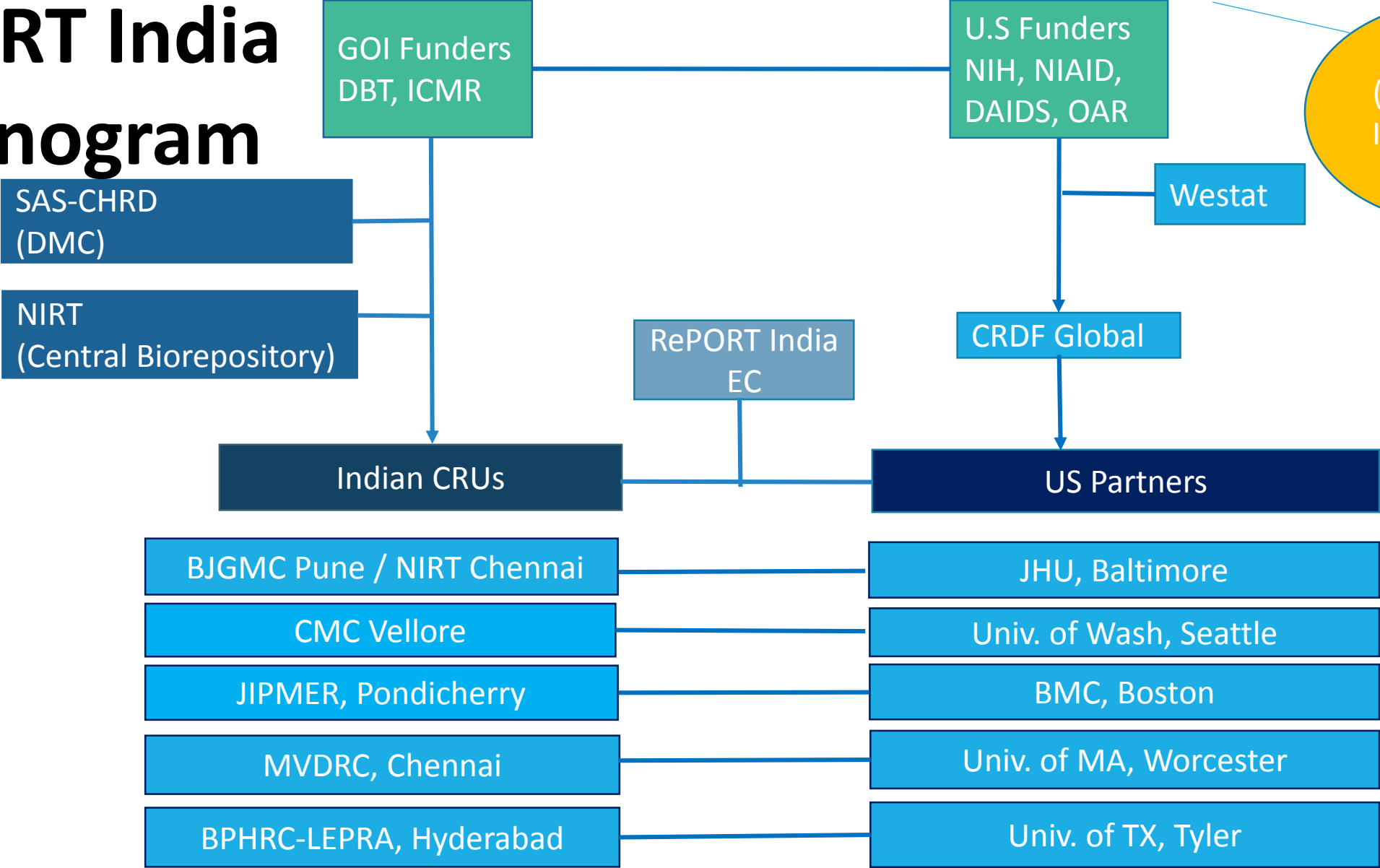
# What is RePORT India Consortium?

- 5 unique observational TB cohorts in India initiated “Parent Protocols” 2014
- Evaluate TB disease (Cohort A) and TB infection (Cohort B)
- Coordinated by leadership group
  - Composed of PIs, funders, SDMC and Central Repository representatives
- Each cohort linked by “Common Protocol”, Central SDMC and Central repository
- Maintain unique research interests while facilitating collaborative research
- Key partnerships

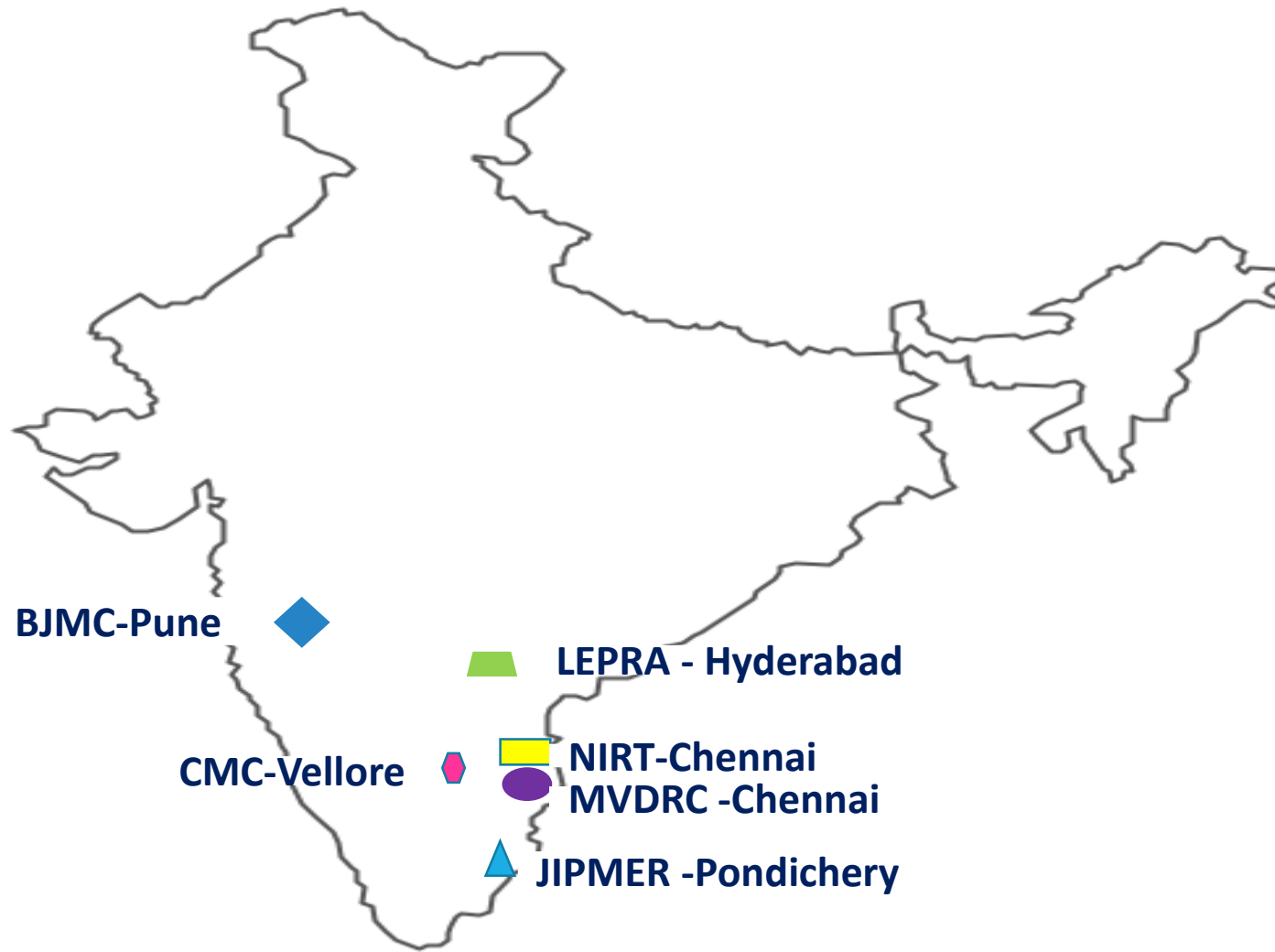
**GOAL:** To create a resource for the TB research community of a collection of well characterized and standardized samples with accompanying data to investigate critical TB research questions



# RePORT India Organogram



# RePORT India Site



# Organizational Communications

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- Coordinate research across cohorts
- Oversee implementation Common Protocol
- Develop and implement scientific agenda
- Establish scientific working groups (Clinical & Basic Science)
- Facilitate sharing of data
- Oversee trans-cohort research projects
- Develop collaborative partnerships with other research programs
- Monthly Executive Committee calls
- Bi-annual in-person meetings





# JIPMER & Boston Medical Center

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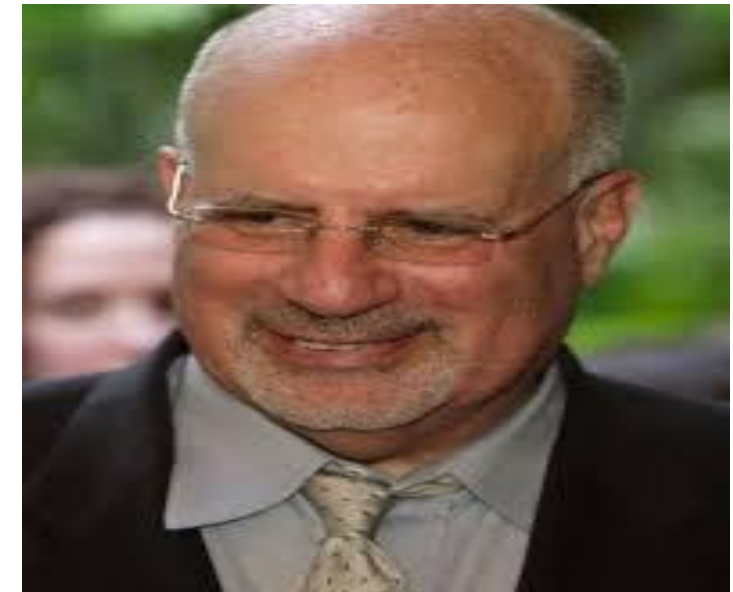
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# JIPMER & Boston Medical Center

Parent Protocol **Biomarkers for Risk of TB and for TB Treatment Failure and Relapse**

**Cohort A: PTB n=1,100**

**Cohort B HHC n=1500 ( $\geq 6$  years old)**

## Objectives

1. Identify **biomarkers for risk of treatment failure** in the TB case cohort of adults and children  $\geq 6$  years.
2. Identify **biomarkers for risk of development of TB** in the household contacts cohort.
3. In both cohorts, determine **impact of risk factors** (diabetes mellitus, helminth infection, HIV, malnutrition, smoking, alcoholism, and anaemia) on treatment outcome in PTB, development of LTBI and progression from LTBI to disease PTB.
4. **Perform network analysis of the transcriptome profiles** to define stages in the continuum between LTBI and PTB and their immunologic concomitants.



# JIPMER & Boston Medical Center

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## Abstracts

1. Association between biomass fuel, tobacco use and two-month sputum smear conversion among TB cases in India (*American Thoracic Society Meeting, May 2016*)
2. Association between LTBI and indoor air pollution among household contacts of PTB cases. (*Union Meeting, Dec 2015*)
3. Age and gender distribution of LTBI in a household contact study in India. (*Union Meeting, Dec 2015*)

## Grants

1. R01 Impact of Pregnancy on TB, NIH, 2015-18
2. Impact of personal exposure to black carbon on pulmonary TB severity, Potts memorial foundation, 2014-16
3. Role of iron deficiency in resistance of women of child-bearing age to TB, NIH, 2016-17

# BJGMC/NIRT & JHU

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CTRIUMPH

Parent Protocol C-TRIUMPH: Cohort for TB research by the Indo-US medical partnership

**Cohort A: Active TB: 800 Adult PTB, 200 EPTB, 200 pediatric TB**

**Cohort B: 1800 HHCs**

**Cohort C: 150 unexposed controls**

## Objectives

1. Measure host and microbial factors associated with TB treatment outcomes in Indian adults and children (Active TB cohort)
  - Residual respiratory impairment following PTB: the lung health sub-study
  - Hair and plasma PK
2. Investigate host and microbial factors associated with progression from infection to active TB disease in adults and children. (Household Contacts)
3. Explore host and microbial factors associated with TB transmission. (HHCs and Control Cohorts)





# BJGMC/NIRT & JHU



CTRIUMPH

## Publications

Cohort for TB research by the Indo-US medical partnership (c-TRIUMPh): protocol for a multicentric prospective observational study. (*BMJ Open*, Feb 2016)

## Presentations

1. Host factors associated with poor respiratory health-related quality of life in PTB (*RePORT International*, July 2016)
2. The association of household air pollution and TB in women and children in Pune (*RePORT International*, July 2016)

## Grants

NICHD R01 Impact of immune of changes of HIV and stages of pregnancy on TB

NIAID R21 Hair concentrations of anti-TB drugs among HIV-infected and uninfected children in India

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# Specimen Repository – Cohort A



CTRIUMPH

| Type of Specimen                  | Cohort A<br>(aliquots)<br>BJMC | Cohort A<br>(aliquots)<br>NIRT | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| PBMC                              | 1592                           | 1467                           | 3059  |
| Plasma                            | 8519                           | 4968                           | 13487 |
| QGIT                              | 12470                          | 2676                           | 15146 |
| Whole blood for mRNA<br>(paxgene) | 859                            | 619                            | 1478  |
| Whole blood for DNA               | 142                            | 110                            | 252   |
| Urine                             | 6916                           | 2200                           | 9116  |
| Hair                              | 748                            | 1                              | 750   |
| Stored sputum                     | 1222                           | 1278                           | 2500  |



# Specimen Repository - Cohort B



CTRIUMPH

| Type of Specimen               | Cohort B<br>BJMC<br>(aliquots) | Cohort B<br>NIRT<br>(aliquots) | TOTAL |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| PBMC                           | 965                            | 1733                           | 2698  |
| Plasma                         | 4706                           | 5208                           | 4706  |
| QGIT                           | 5962                           | 6120                           | 9914  |
| Whole blood for mRNA (paxgene) | 487                            | 652                            | 1139  |
| Whole blood for DNA            | 274                            | 325                            | 599   |
| Urine                          | 3879                           | 2280                           | 6159  |
| Hair                           | 498                            | 1                              | 499   |
| Stored sputum                  | 600                            | 1698                           | 2298  |





# MVDRC & UMASS

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India PI:

Vijay Viswanathan

Head and Chief Diabetologist

MVDRC



US PI:

Hardy Kornfeld

Professor of Medicine

Univ. of Mass



# MVDRC & UMASS

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Parent Protocol: Effects of Diabetes and Prediabetes on TB Severity (EDOTS)

**Cohort A: n=300 PTB  $\geq$  30 yrs (w/ and w/o DM)**

**n=60 controls (no DM, no TB)**

Objective

Compare quantitative and qualitative differences in peripheral blood gene expression between diabetic and non-diabetic TB patients longitudinally from presentation through TB treatment.

# MVDRC & UMASS

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## Publications

1. Effect of standard TB treatment on naive, memory and regulatory T cell homeostasis in TB-diabetes co-morbidity, (*Immunology, June 2016*)
2. High prevalence and heterogeneity of diabetes in patients with TB in South India: a report from the EDOTS study, (*Chest, June 2016*)

## Abstracts

1. TB susceptibility and metabolic comorbidities (*Keystone Symposium, Feb 2016*)
2. Diabetic immunopathy, (*NIAID/NIDDK workshop, May 2016*)

# LEPRA & UTHSCT

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## India PI:

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## US PI:

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# LEPRA & UTHSCT

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Parent Protocol **Identify immunologic markers of persons at highest risk of progression of LTBI to TB**

Cohort B: 2000 HHC  $\geq 6$  yrs

Objective

Find novel immune biomarkers that identify persons with LTBI at increased risk for progression to active TB.

-Focus on role of macrophages, Tregs and NK cells

# LEPRA & UTHSCT

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Presentations Identification of potential biomarkers for development of LTBI by longitudinal follow-up of HHCs of TB patients Kamakshi Prudhula Devalraju (*RePoRT International, July 2016*)

## Grant

T-regs mediated immune responses in LTBI and HIV positive individuals, U of Texas, 2015, subcontract

# CMC & Univ Cambridge-UWash

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## India PI:

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## US co-PI

Dr. John Szumowski



## US PI:

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Professor, Univ. of Cambridge



# CMC & UWash/Cambridge Univ

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Parent Protocol **Host determinants in the eicosanoid pathway modulate the inflammatory response, disease outcome, and treatment responsiveness in TB**

**Cohort A: Pulmonary TB Cohort n=200**

**TB Meningitis Cohort n=200**

1. Assess Sputum smear and culture conversion by hyper and hypo-inflammatory *LTA4H* and other genotypes associated with high and low TNF responses to Mtb
2. Assess LTA4H genotype correlates, intensity of the inflammatory response at presentation (CSF total leukocyte count, lipoxin A4 and leukotriene B4), and mortality in TBM



# Parent Protocol sample time point – Cohort A

| Institution/<br>Time Point | 0 | 2wk | 1mo | 2mo | 3mo | 4mo | 5mo | 6mo | 12mo | 18mo | 24mo |
|----------------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| BJGMC<br>NIRT<br>JHU       |   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| JIPMER<br>BMC              |   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| MVDRC<br>UMACS             |   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| PTB<br>CMC UW<br>CAMBRIDGE |   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |
| TBM<br>CMC UW<br>CAMBRIDGE |   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |



# Parent Protocol sample time point – Cohort B

| Institution / Time Point | 0 | 3mo | 4mo | 6mo | 8mo | 12mo | 16mo | 18mo | 20mo | 24mo | TB |
|--------------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|----|
| LEPRA Univ TX            |   |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |    |
| JIPMER BMC               |   |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |    |
| NIRT BJGMC JHU           |   |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |    |

# Parent Protocol Screened and Enrolled 2014-16

## Screened 2014-2016

| SITE      | Cohort A | Cohort B |
|-----------|----------|----------|
| All Sites | 3162     | 2987     |

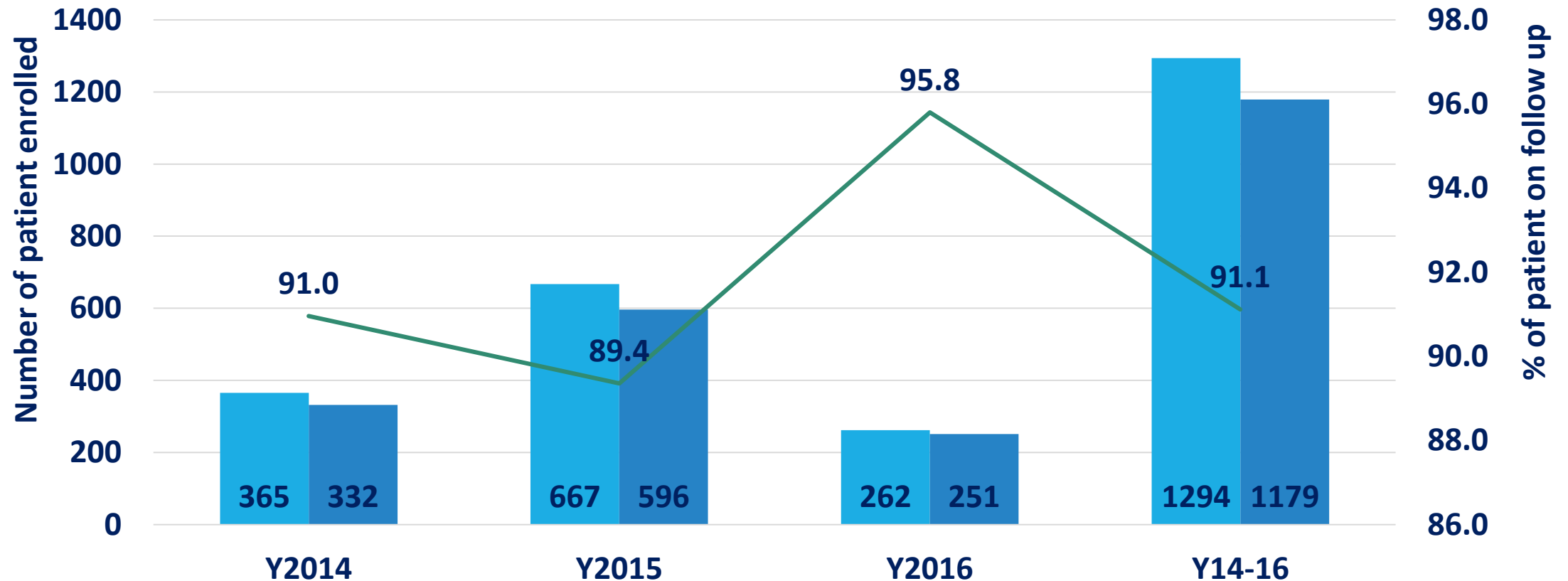
## Enrolled 2014-2016

| SITE       | Cohort A      | Cohort B      |
|------------|---------------|---------------|
| BJGMC/NIRT | 526 (316/210) | 745 (335+410) |
| JIPMER     | 481           | 691           |
| MVDRC      | 251           | N/A           |
| LEPRA      | N/A           | 619           |
| CMC        | 36            | 84            |
| All Sites  | 1294          | 2139          |

Target actual  
Cohort A = 3060  
Cohort B = 5500



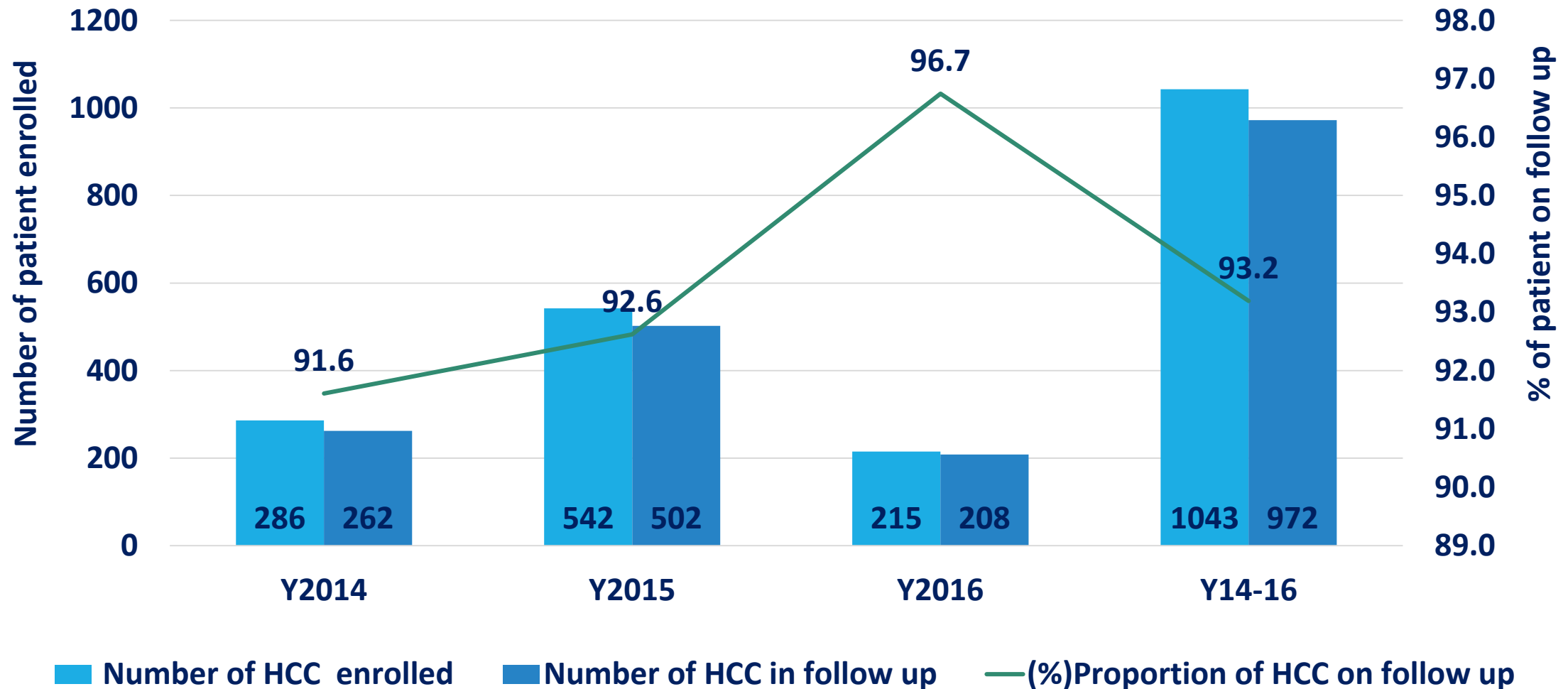
## (% ) Proportion of Patient on follow up among the patient enrolled in Cohort A from Year 2014-2016



■ Number of Patient enrolled ■ Number of patient in follow up — (%)Proportion of patient on follow up



## (% ) Proportion of HCC on follow up among the patient enrolled in Cohort B from Year 2014-2016



# Parent Protocol Challenges and Lessons Learned : Cohort A

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## Challenges

- Social problems: stigma of TB, marital issues, and alcoholism
- Refusals due to blood draws
- Dependence of enrollment of household contact
- Lack of family support leading to treatment default

## Lessons Learned

- Address sources of TB stigma early
- Build rapport early, including on phone before initial contact
- Locate private setting for visits and reassure participant confidentiality
- Ensure support of family to increase study retention and treatment

# Challenges and Lessons Learned : Cohort B

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## Challenges

- All household members not available during visits
- Unanticipated migrations during study follow-up
- Storage space in freezers

## Lessons Learned

- Connect with household contacts during non-working hours and early in the study when visit home
- Continue phone follow-up after TB treatment for better follow-up
- Provide timely abnormal results so can intervene early

# Common Protocol

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- Minimum set of data and specimens to be collected across all cohorts
- Establish harmonized standards, definitions, and processes for data and specimen collection
- Managed by leadership group and serviced by central DMC and repository
- Enable cross cohort analyses and lab based research projects
- Facilitate collaborations with other research programs










# Schedule of Events: Cohort A

| Activities   | Visit | SCREENING | BASELINE       | Visit 1   | Visit 2   | END OF TX<br>(-4 wks/+6 wks) | 6-M POST-TX<br>(-4 wks/+6 wks) <sup>b</sup> | TX F/R/W       |
|--|-------|-----------|----------------|---|---|------------------------------|---|----------------|
|  |       |           |                | DSTB/MDR TB (6-9 mo TX): Week 4<br>(-1 wk/+3 wks)<br>MDR TB (>18 mo TX)/XDR TB: Week 12<br>(+4 wks) | DSTB/MDR TB (6-9 mo TX): Week 4<br>(-1 wk/+3 wks)<br>MDR TB (>18 mo TX)/XDR TB: Week 12<br>(+4 wks) |                              |   |                |
| Informed consent                                   |       | X         |                |   |   |                              |   |                |
| Eligibility assessment                             |       | X         | X              |   |   |                              |   |                |
| Demographic, medical history, and clinical data    |       |           | X              |   |   |                              |   |                |
| Participant status                                 |       |           |                | X   | X   | X                            | X   | X              |
| CXR <sup>a</sup>                                   |       |           | X              |   | X <sup>a</sup>  | X <sup>a</sup>               |   | X <sup>a</sup> |
| HIV test <sup>b</sup>                              |       |           | X              |   |   |                              |   | X <sup>f</sup> |
| CD4 count if HIV-infected <sup>b</sup>             |       |           | X              |   |   |                              |   | X <sup>f</sup> |
| CBC and lymphocyte count                           |       |           | X              |   |   |                              |   |                |
| HbA1c  |       |           | X              |   |   |                              |   |                |
| Sputum smear & culture <sup>c,d</sup>              |       |           | X              | X   | X   | X                            |   | X              |
| Sputum DST <sup>c,d</sup>                          |       |           | X              |   |   |                              |   | X              |
| Mtb isolate subculture for storage                 |       |           | X              |   |   |                              |   | X              |
| Whole blood (PAXgene) for storage                  |       |           | X <sup>e</sup> | X   | X   | X                            |   | X              |
| Whole blood (PBMC) for storage                     |       |           | X <sup>e</sup> | X   | X   | X                            |   | X              |
| Plasma for storage                                 |       |           | X <sup>e</sup> | X   | X   | X                            |   | X              |
| Whole blood for storage (genetic analyses)         |       |           | X <sup>e</sup> |   | X   | X                            |   | X              |
| Saliva for storage <sup>g</sup> (genetic analyses) |       |           | X              |   |   | X                            |   | X              |
| Urine for storage                                  |       |           | X              | X   | X   | X                            |   | X              |
| Sputum for storage <sup>d</sup>                    |       |           | X              | X   | X   |                              |   | X              |

# Schedule of Events: Cohort B

| Activities<br>Visit                                    | SCREENING | BASELINE       | MONTH 4-6      | MONTH 12<br>(MONTHS 10-14) | MONTH 24<br>(MONTHS 22-26)<br>and<br>PREM DC | TB ACTIVATION<br>EVALUATION |
|--|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Informed consent                                       | X         |                |                |                            |  |                             |
| Eligibility assessment                                 | X         | X              |                |                            |  |                             |
| Demographic, medical history, and clinical data        |           | X              |                |                            |  |                             |
| IGRA or TST for eligibility                            | X         |                |                |                            |  |                             |
| Participant status                                     |           |                | X <sup>e</sup> | X <sup>e</sup>             | X <sup>e</sup>                               | X                           |
| Smear and culture from TB activation site <sup>a</sup> |           |                |                |                            |  | X                           |
| Mtb isolate subculture for storage                     |           |                |                |                            |  | X                           |
| Sputum DST <sup>a</sup>                                |           |                |                |                            |  | X                           |
| Sputum for storage                                     |           |                |                |                            |  | X                           |
| Whole blood (PAXgene) for storage                      |           | X <sup>i</sup> |                |                            |  | X                           |
| Whole blood (PBMC) for storage                         |           | X <sup>i</sup> |                |                            |  | X                           |
| Whole blood (IGRA) for storage                         |           | X <sup>i</sup> |                |                            |  | X                           |
| Whole blood for storage (genetic analyses)             |           | X <sup>i</sup> |                |                            |  | X                           |
| Saliva for storage (genetic analyses) <sup>e</sup>     |           | X              |                |                            |  | X                           |
| Plasma for storage                                     |           | X              |                |                            |  | X                           |
| Urine for storage                                      |           | X              |                |                            |  | X                           |
| CXR <sup>b</sup>                                       |           |                |                |                            |  | X                           |
| HIV test if status is unknown <sup>c, f</sup>          |           |                |                |                            |  | X                           |
| CD4 count if HIV-infected <sup>d, f</sup>              |           |                |                |                            |  | X                           |
| CBC and lymphocyte count <sup>f, h</sup>               |           |                |                |                            |  | X                           |
| HbA1c <sup>f, h</sup>                                  |           |                |                |                            |  | X                           |

# Common Protocol Timeline 2016

| TASK   | JUN | JUL  | AUG | SEPT | OCT   | NOV | DEC   |
|--|-----|--|-----|------|---|-----|---|
| CP Budget Released                           | X   |  |     |      |   |     |   |
| v1.0 CP Registration                         |     |  |     |      |   |     |   |
| v1.0 CP Start                                |     |  |     |      |  |     |   |
| CRFs   |     |  |     |      |   |     |   |
| Database                                     |     |  |     |      |   |     |   |
| v2.0 CP final and IRB approved               |     |    |     |      |   |     |   |
| Central Biorepository Set Up (Freezers, etc) |     |    |     |      |   |     |   |
| Training                                     |     |  |     |      |   |     |   |
| v2.0 CP Start                                |     |  |     |      |   |     |  |

# Central Biorepository for Common Protocol at NIRT



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# RePORT India Challenges

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- Funding \$\$\$
- New consortia growing pains
- Coordination with Common Protocol initiation and other planned studies

# Planned Future Studies

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- Expansion into MDR/XDR cohorts
  - PREEMPT- RO1 with RePORT India/Brazil sites being resubmitted (Horsburgh/Sterling)
  - Addition of Hinduja site in Mumbai
- Focus on diabetes (Clinical epi, Biomarkers, Immunopath)
- TST and Quantiferon PLUS Comparison Studies (DJ Christopher/Andrea Deluca)
- TB Vaccine trial with VPM Serum Institute

# RePORT TST Comparison Summary

| Protocol          | RePORT TST Comparison Study   |
|-------------------|---|
| Study Objectives: | Compare the performance of latent TB diagnostics (PPD and IGRA among populations of interest, including children and immunocompromised adults   |
| Study Design:     | 2 PPDs placed at enrollment; SPAN diagnostics (manufactured in India, 5 TU), and Tubersol 5 TU. The mean induration size will be compared.<br>5 mL of blood drawn and tested for latent TB using the 3 <sup>rd</sup> generation QFT, and 4 <sup>th</sup> generation QGT, or QFT-Plus. Results of the QFT tests will be compared, and related to PPD results.<br>Cross-sectional study with no follow up, though longitudinal data may be abstracted if participants are retained in the RePORT parent protocols |
| Study Population: | 1700 individuals  |
| Study Sites:      | Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Medical College and Sassoon General Hospital (Pune, India), the National Institute for Research for Tuberculosis (Chennai, India) Christian Medical College (Vellore, India), Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (Pondicherry, India), and LEPRO Society (BPHRC) and Bhagawan Mahavir Hospital and Research Center (BMHRC) (Hyderabad, India)  |
| Study Duration:   | 18 months   |
| Timeline          | BJMC, JIPMER, and CMC Vellore have IRB approval. PPD blinding in process; study to start Sept 2016  |

# RePORT India and TB vaccines

RePoRT India consortium collaborates with Serum Institute of India Pvt Ltd and Vakzine Projekt Management GmbH (VPM) for the Phase III prevention of TB recurrence trial using a novel recombinant BCG vaccine VPM1002



# VPM1002-IN-3.01TBR Project Team



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| <b>Design:</b>      | A multicenter phase III study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of VPM1002 in the prevention of Tuberculosis (TB) Recurrence in pulmonary TB patients after successful TB treatment in India |
| <b>Sponsor:</b>     | Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd. (SIPL)  |
| Clinical Sites:     | 20 sites spread out all across India (includes 6 RePORT India sites)   |
| Immunology lab:     | NIRT Chennai<br><br>Prof. G. Walzl, Stellenbosch University (SUN-IRG)<br><br>Prof. Kaufmann, MPIIB Berlin  |
| CRO:                | Parexel / Emmes  |
| Scientific Experts: | Vakzine Projekt Management GmbH<br><br><b>RePORT consortium (protocol development, immunology, sites)</b>  |
| IMP Manufacturer:   | SIPL   |

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# Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd.



- Founded in 1966 by a true visionary Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla
- India's # 1 Biotech Company and World's Largest Vaccine Producer (in Volumes) with installed capacity of over 1.4 billion doses of different vaccines.
- Global supplier : 140 countries. (65% of children immunized worldwide get at least one vaccine produced by SIPL)
- Partner to international agencies such as WHO, PATH, UNICEF, GAVI, PAHO, NIH, NVI/RIVM, CBER/USFDA & BMGF



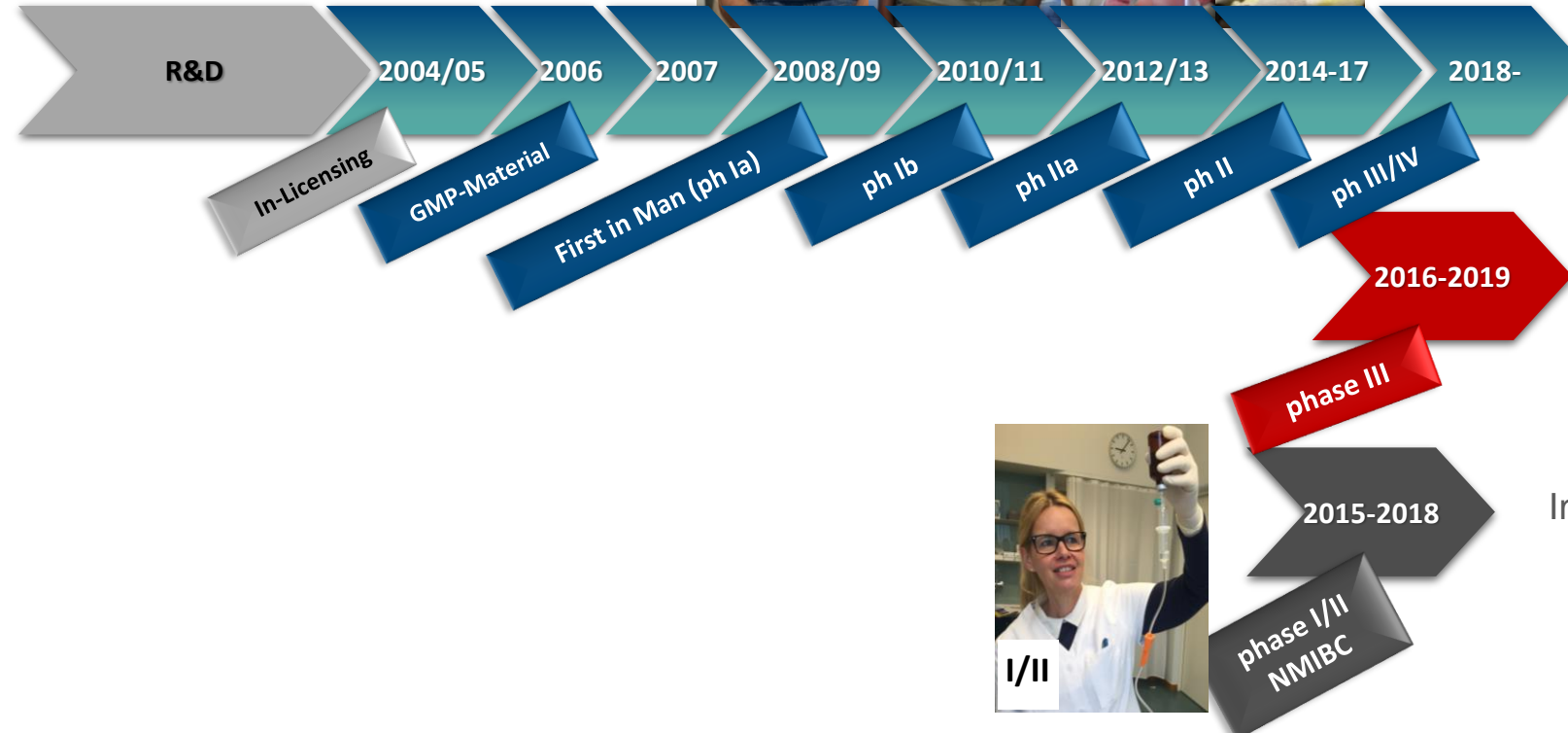
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# Translational Product Development for VPM1002

< 4 years to bridge the gap from lab to clinics



**VPM1002**  
as TB prime  
vaccine

**VPM1002**  
as TB post-  
exposure  
vaccine

**VPM1002BC**  
Immunotherapeutic  
(non-muscle  
invasive bladder  
cancer)

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# Product Profile VPM1002



- Parental Strain: BCG subtype Prague
- Genetic Modification: Listeriolysin gene inserted into the bacterial genome (Urease C gene)
- Classification of Biosafety Level: S1 / P1 (**lowest safety level**)
- Post-exposure vaccination with VPM1002 of mice with LTBI delays recurrent TB. Kaufmann et al Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology, Berlin (Gengenbacher et.al., Microbes Infect. 2016)





# VPM1002 Overview completed and ongoing Clinical Development



## Development as TB prime vaccine:

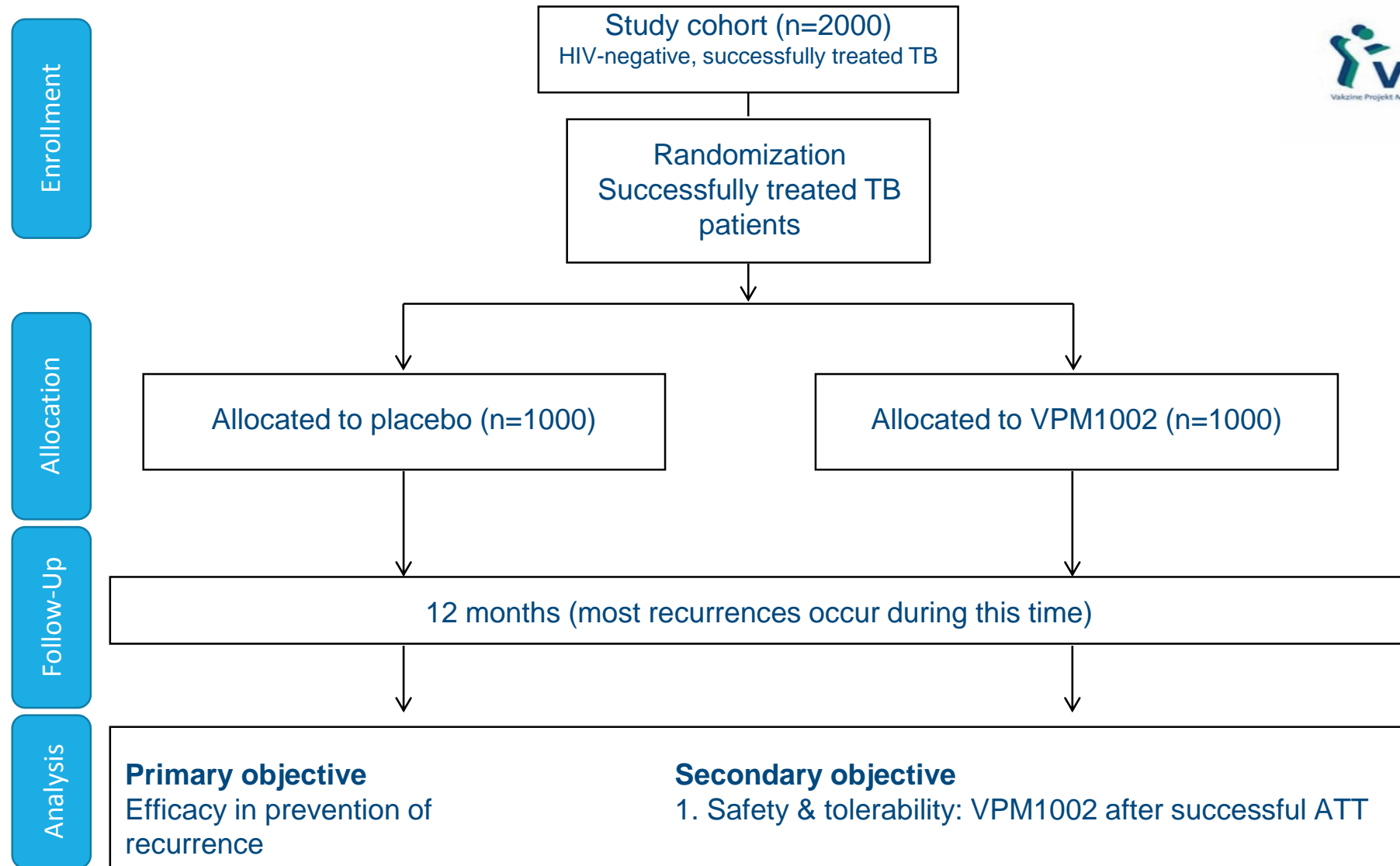
- ✓ **Phase Ia:** Evaluation of safety, local and systemic tolerability and immunogenicity of VPM1002 in healthy adult Caucasians compared to reference control (BCG) – **completed with no safety concerns**
- ✓ **Phase Ib:** Evaluation of safety, local and systemic tolerability and immunogenicity of VPM1002 in healthy adult Africans compared to reference control (BCG) – **completed with no safety concerns**
- ✓ **Phase IIa:** Evaluation of safety and immunogenicity of VPM1002 in comparison with BCG in HIV-unexposed, BCG naive newborn infants in South Africa – **completed with no safety concerns**
- **Phase II:** Phase II double-blinded, randomized, controlled study to evaluate safety and immunogenicity of VPM1002 in comparison with BCG in HIV-exposed and HIV-unexposed, BCG-naive newborn infants – **currently ongoing in South Africa (ca. 280 of total 416 infants enrolled)**

## Development as Bladder cancer immunotherapy:

- **Phase I:** A Phase I/II Open Label Clinical Trial Assessing Safety and Efficacy of Intravesical Instillation of the Recombinant BCG VPM1002BC in Patients with Recurrent Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer after Standard BCG Therapy – **currently ongoing in Switzerland (enrollment completed)**



# VPM1002 Phase III Prevention of TB recurrence trial



# VPM1002-IN-3.01TBR

## Objectives and Endpoints I



### Primary Objective:

To evaluate the efficacy of VPM1002 in prevention of TB recurrence in pulmonary TB patients who have successfully completed ATT and were declared cured in comparison to placebo.

➤ **Primary Endpoint:** Bacteriologically confirmed recurrence cases

### Secondary Objective:

To evaluate the safety of VPM1002 in TB patients who have successfully completed ATT and were declared as cured.

### ➤ **Secondary Endpoints:**

- Overall recurrence (bacteriologically confirmed or clinically diagnosed)
- Safety (Solicited local and systemic adverse events within 7 days following study vaccination, unsolicited adverse events, SAEs throughout the study period, all-cause mortality)



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## Objectives and Endpoints II



### Exploratory Objective:

- **To assess immunology and transcriptomics as potential correlates of protection and/or Biomarkers in a subgroup of participants.**
- To perform microbiological evaluation of recurrence in a subgroup of recurrent TB patients (i.e. re-infection vs. relapse).
- **To compare immunological difference between VPM1002 and placebo groups.**
- **To compare immunological difference between diabetic and non-diabetic participants.**
- To assess and compare TB mortality

### • **Exploratory Endpoint:**

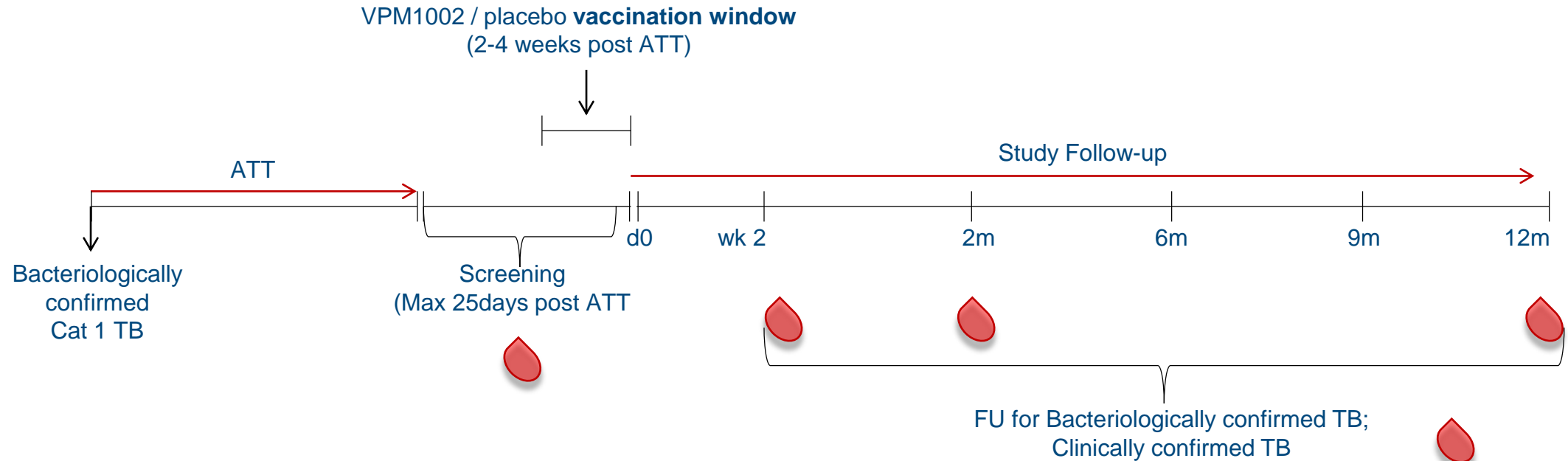
- Comparison of immunological and transcriptional markers in a subgroup of protected patients and recurrence patients.
- Comparison of mycobacterial strains within a subgroup of recurrent TB patients between relapse and primary infection.
- Comparison of immunological difference between VPM1002 and placebo groups.
- Comparison of immunological difference between diabetic and non-diabetic patients.
- TB mortality





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## Planned study design



# BCG vs. VPM1002 Features & Benefits



| Features /Benefits |   | BCG        | VPM1002         |
|--------------------|---|------------|-----------------|
| Efficacy           | Protection against Lab strains (H37Rv)                  | ++         | +++             |
|                    | Protection against clinical TB strains (Beijing)        | -          | +++             |
|                    | Amelioration of TB recurrence in mice                   | +          | +++             |
| Immunogenicity     | Induction of autophagy                                  | +          | +++             |
|                    | Induction of Cross-presentation                         | +          | +++             |
|                    | Induction of T <sub>H</sub> 1 immune response           | ++         | +++             |
|                    | Induction of T <sub>H</sub> 17 immune response          | +          | +++             |
|                    | Induction of multifunctional T-cells                    | +          | ++              |
|                    | Induction of CD8+ T-cells                               | +          | ++              |
|                    | Antigen similarity to <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> | +++        | +++             |
|                    | Induction of cell apoptosis                             | +          | +++             |
| Safety             | Persistence   | Long       | Short           |
|                    | Survival of SCID mice                                   | Death      | Survival        |
|                    | Survival of Interferon $\gamma$ Knock-out mice          | Survival   | Survival        |
|                    | Abscess formation in vaccinated infants                 | Pronounced | Less Pronounced |





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