



Working towards a TB & HIV free community

# Is IPT a priority?

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# Isoniazid preventive therapy (IPT) is a priority because:

- IPT works
- IPT is safe
- IPT does not increase risk of resistance
- IPT is feasible and cost effective
- IPT will help eliminate TB
- IPT is policy

# WHO 2010 policy on collaborative TB/HIV activities

## A. Establish and strengthen mechanisms for delivering integrated TB and HIV services

- ◆ Set up and strengthen coordinating body for collaborative TB/HIV activities at all levels
- ◆ Determine HIV prevalence among TB patients and TB prevalence among PLHIV
- ◆ Carry out joint TB/HIV planning to integrate the delivery of TB and HIV services
- ◆ Monitor and evaluate collaborative TB/HIV activities

## B. Decrease burden of TB among PLHIV and initiate early ART (the Three I's for HIV/TB)

- ◆ Intensify TB case finding and ensure high quality anti-TB treatment
- ◆ Initiate TB prevention with isoniazid preventive therapy and early antiretroviral treatment
- ◆ Ensure control of TB infection in health care facilities and congregate settings

## C. Decrease burden of HIV among TB patients

- ◆ Provide HIV testing and counselling to patients with presumptive and diagnosed TB
  - ◆ Provide HIV prevention interventions for patients with presumptive and diagnosed TB
  - ◆ Introduce co-trimoxazole preventive therapy for TB patients living with HIV
  - ◆ Ensure HIV prevention interventions, treatment and care for TB patients living with HIV
  - ◆ Provide ART for TB patients living with HIV
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# IPT as part of a package

- IPT should be implemented as part of a package of combination TB prevention including:
  - TB infection control in health care and other congregate settings
  - Intensified case finding and effective treatment of TB (in PLHIV **AND** HIV negative people)
  - Initiation of antiretroviral treatment (ART)

# Principles of Medical Ethics

- **Beneficence:** the health care professional should act in a way that benefits the patient
- **Non maleficence:** the healthcare professional should not harm the patient
- **Respect for autonomy:** enabling individuals to make reasoned informed choices
- **Justice:** distributing benefits, risks and costs fairly

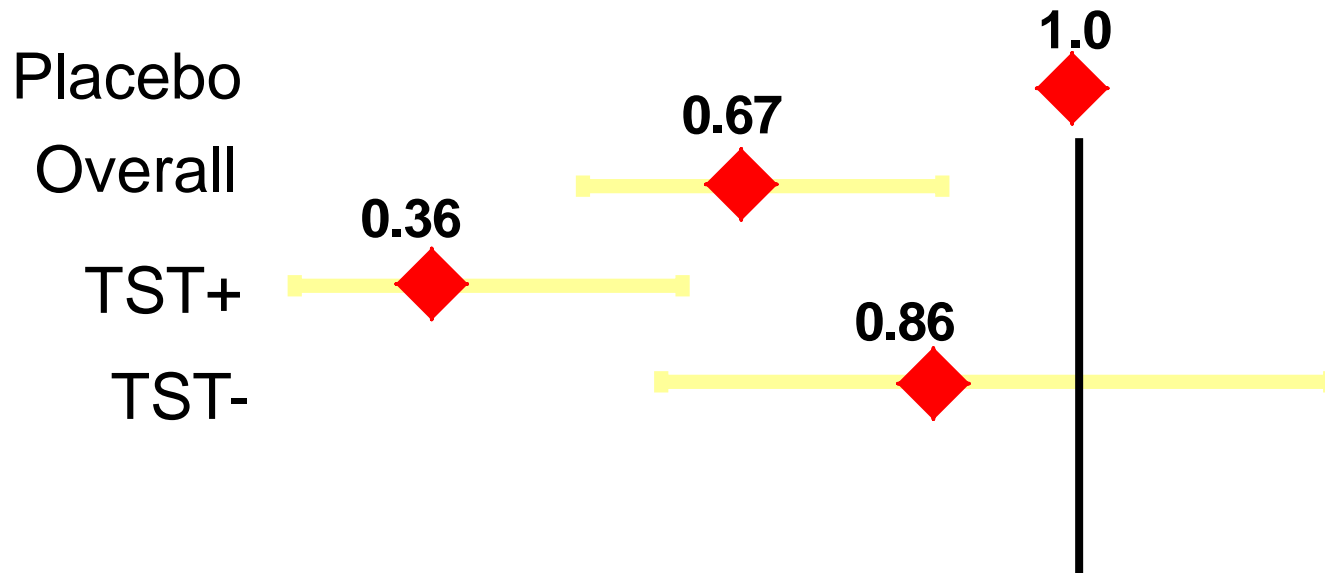
# Ethical Issue 1: Use what works (Beneficence: evidence-based practice)

- IPT decreases TB incidence in PLHIV by 33% to 64%
- Long term IPT provides prolonged benefit
- IPT provides additional benefit to ART

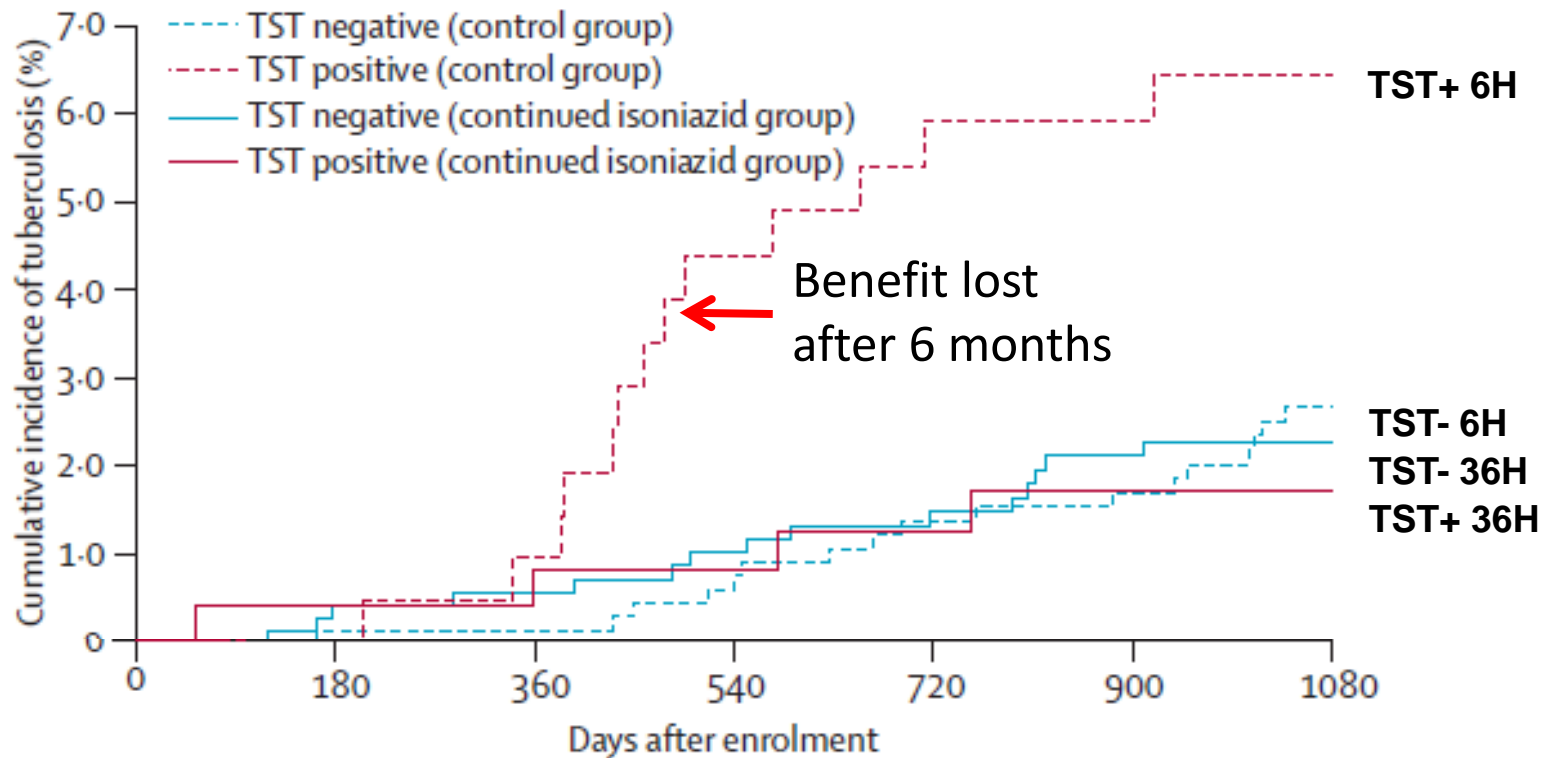
# Effect of IPT on TB in PLHIV:

Meta-analysis of 7 randomised clinical trials (N=4136)

## Relative risk, 95% CI



# 6 vs 36 months IPT in Botswana: a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial



TST+ HR 0.08 (0.01–0.61)

TST- HR 0.86 (0.38–1.89)

**Severe AEs >6 months**

1% placebo, 1.3% INH

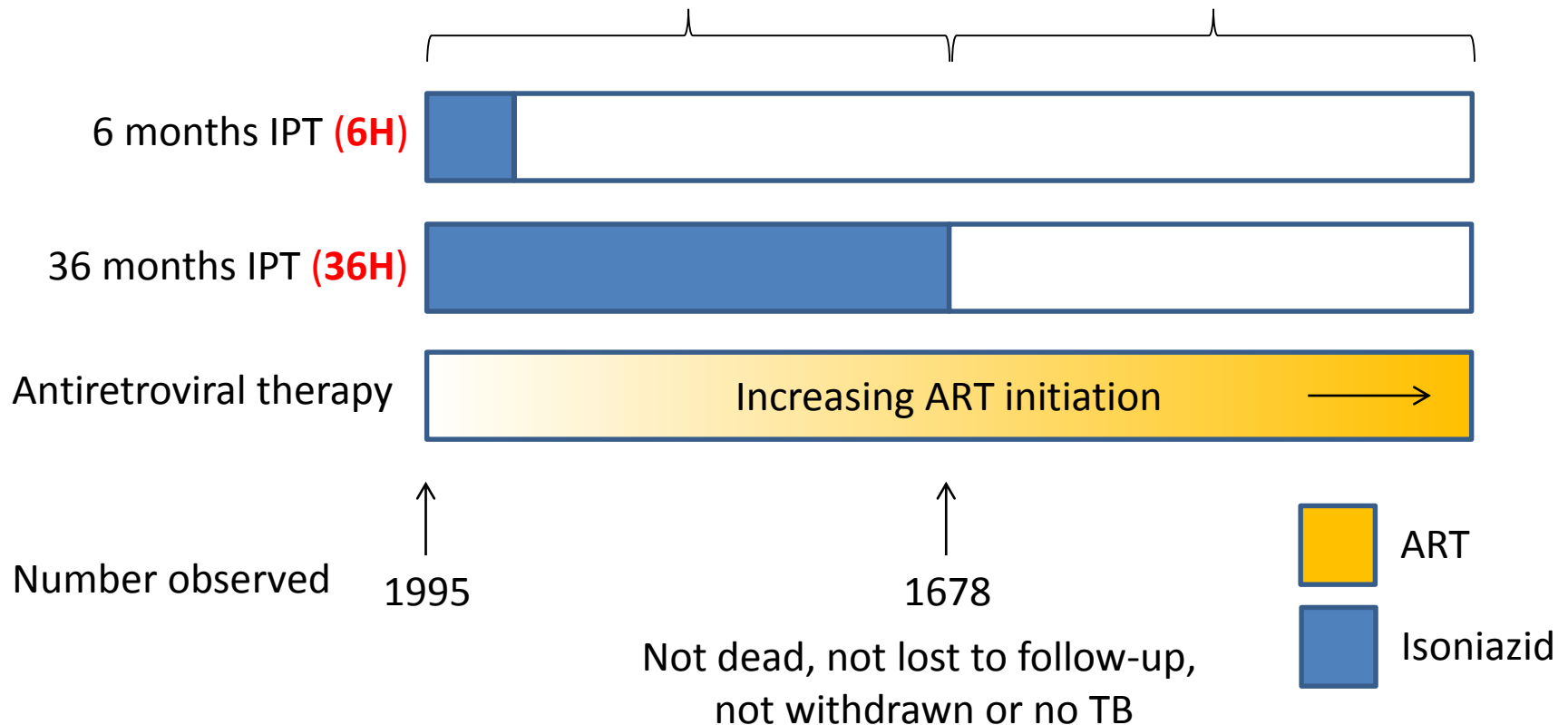


# IPT randomized trial and ART for PLWH

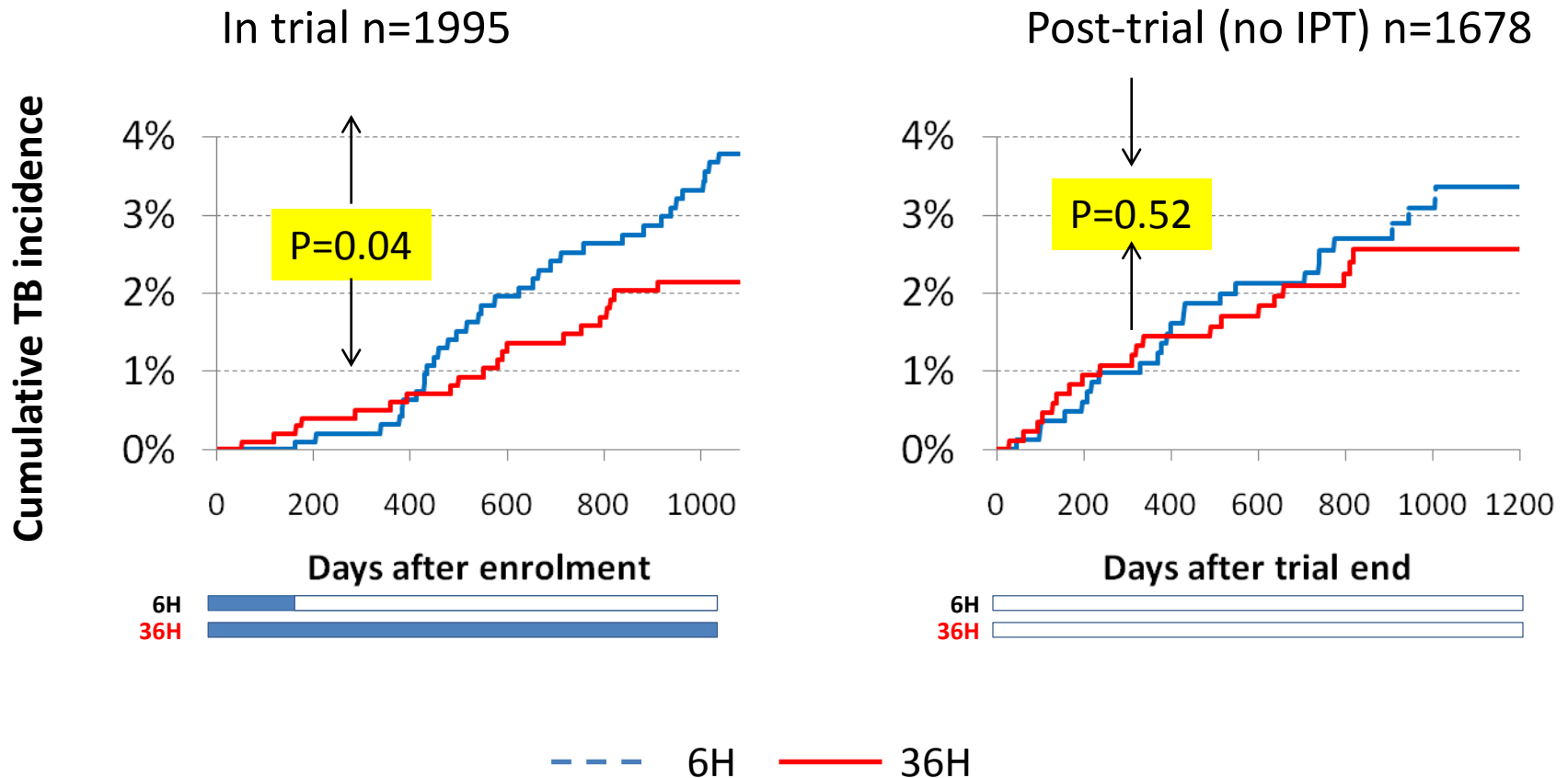
## ~6 year observation

3 year randomized controlled trial

Follow-up observation average 2.7 years/pt



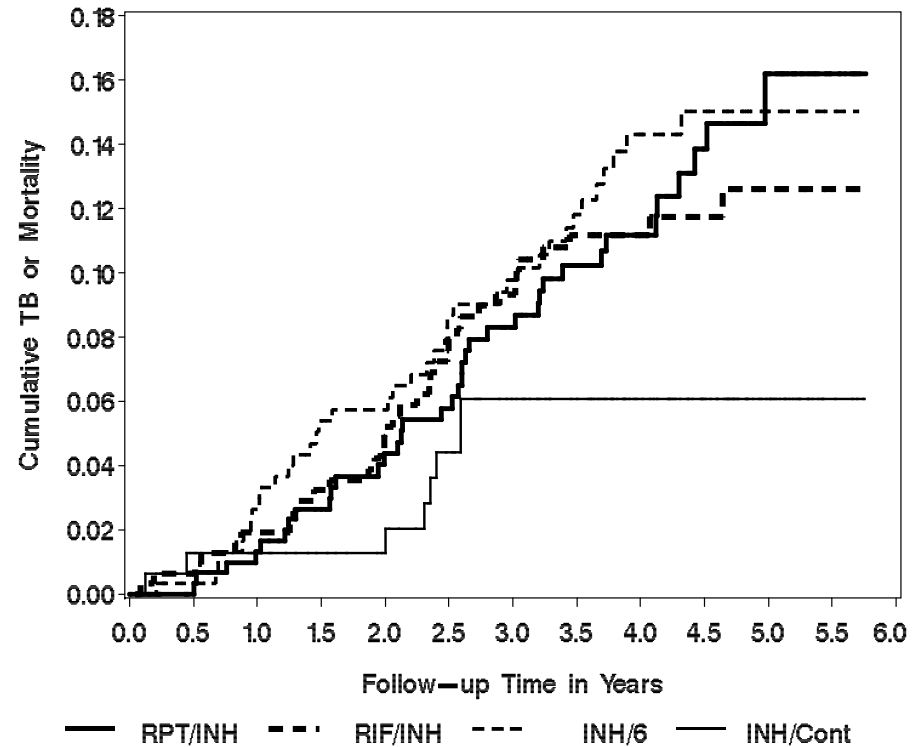
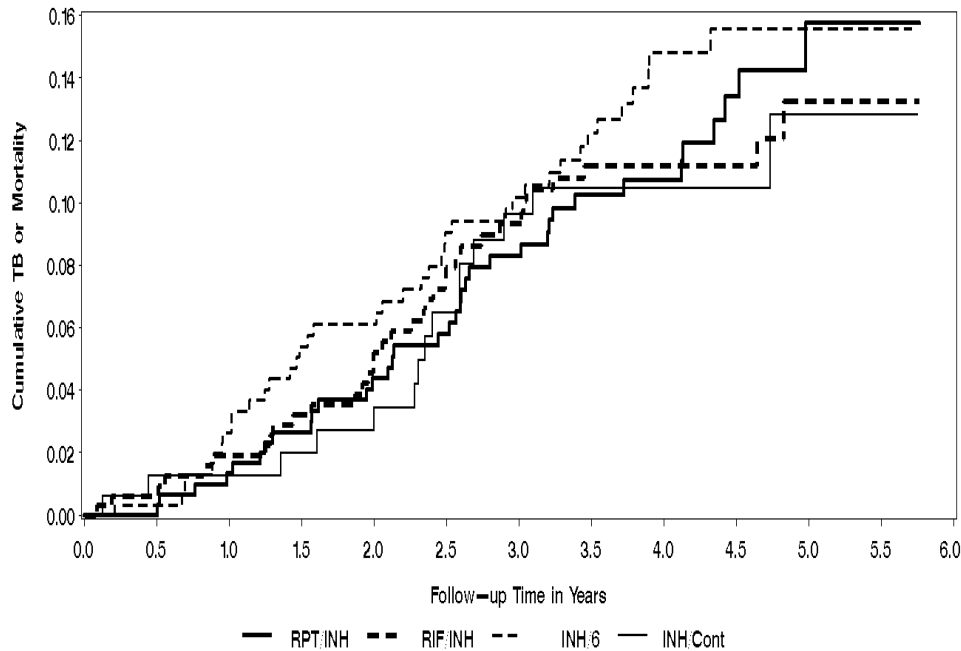
# Cumulative TB incidence in the in-trial & post-trial period by study arm for all participants



# Effectiveness of life-long IPT in TST+ HIV+ patients

## Intent-to-treat vs “as-treated”

Kaplan–Meier Curves of TB or Mortality by Study Arm

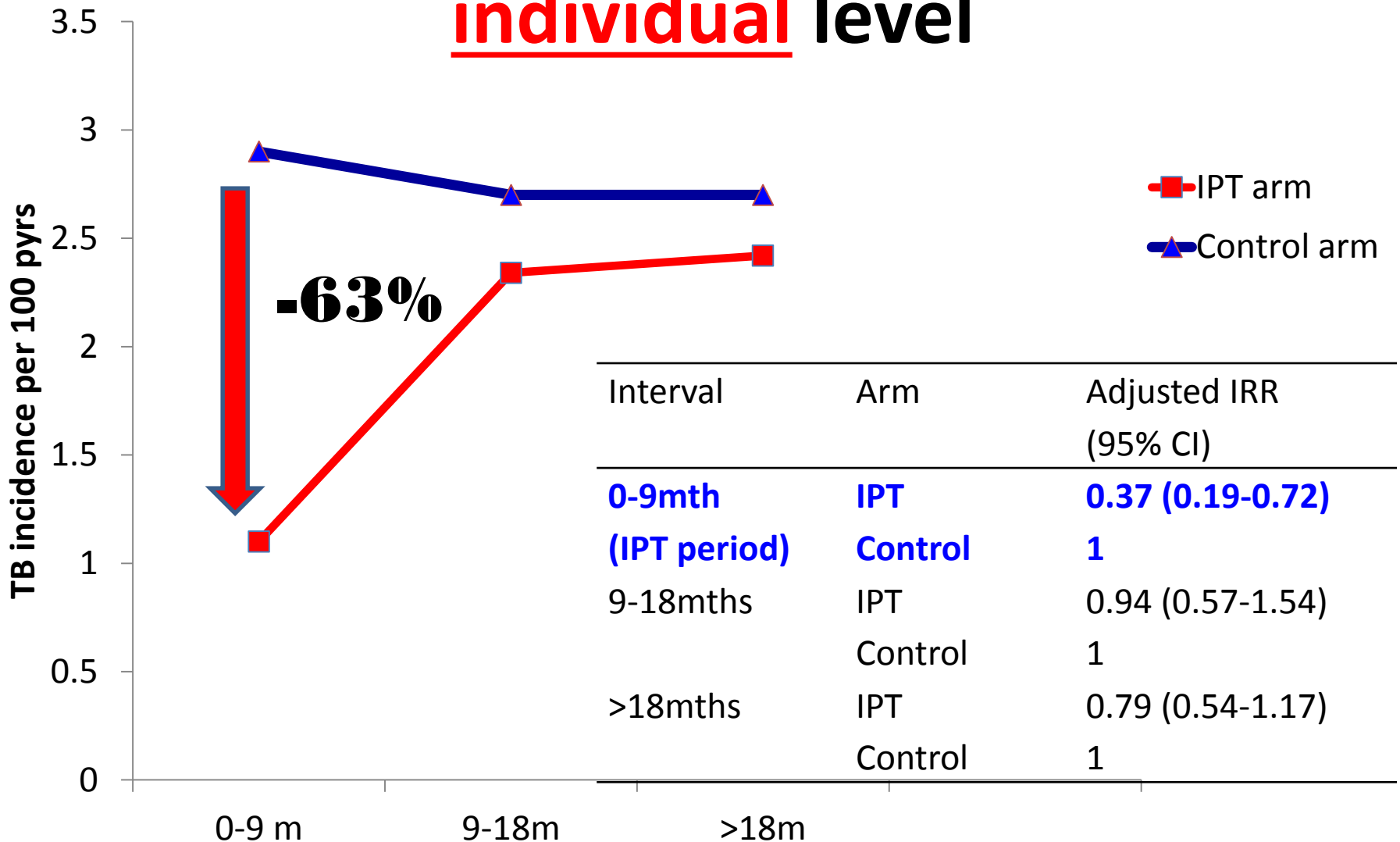


# Reduction in TB incidence with 36 vs 6 months IPT

Author	Location	Intention to treat	Starting masked tx	Per Protocol
<u>Martinson</u>	Soweto	26% (p=0.48)		<b>58%</b> lower TB or death (p=0.02)
<u>Samandari</u>	Botswana			
All		43% (p=0.47)	<b>53%</b> (p<0.05)	
TST+		<b>74%</b> (p=0.02)	<b>92%</b> (p<0.05)	<b>100%</b> (p=0.023) (n=173)
TST-		25% (p=0.4)	14% (NS)	

(Martinson, NEJM 2011)  
(Samandari, Lancet 2011)

# Thibela TB: durability of IPT effect at individual level

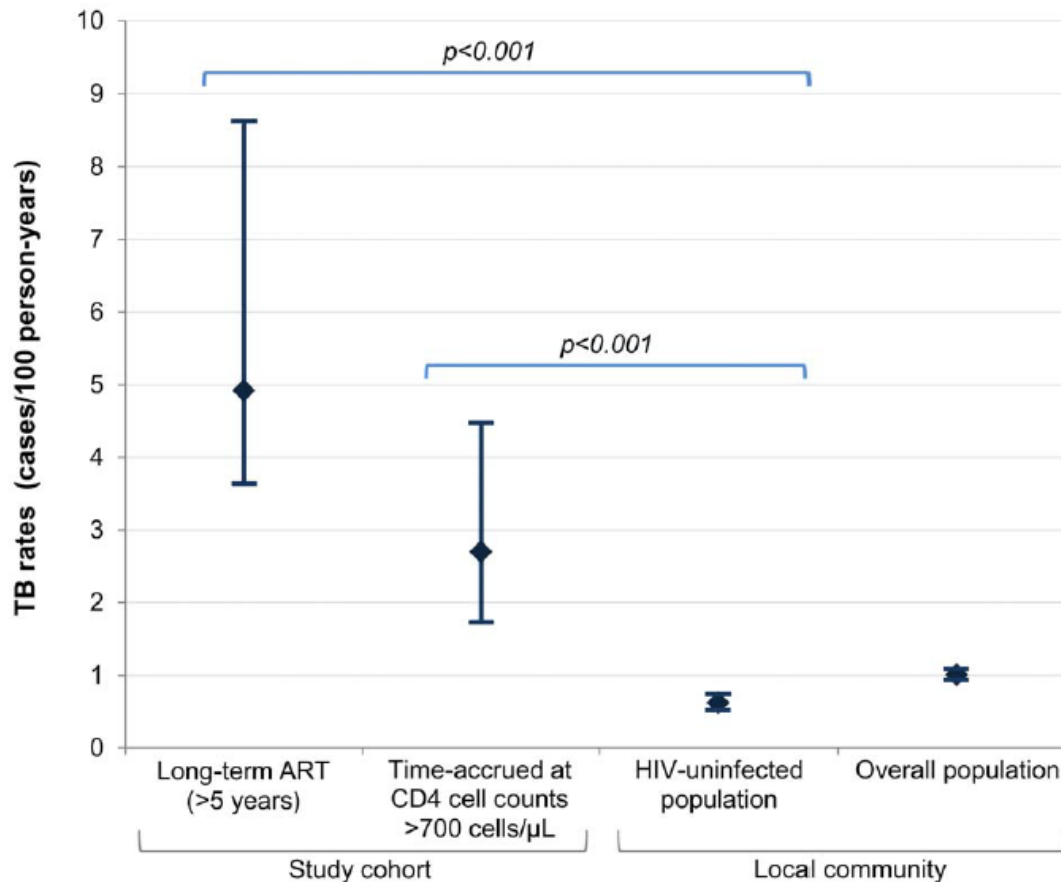


# ART reduces TB incidence, but still high

Meta-analysis: ART any CD4 HR 0.35 (0.28-0.44)

ART CD4>350 HR 0.43 (0.3-0.63)

Suthar Plos Med 2012



# IPT & ART: Retrospective cohorts

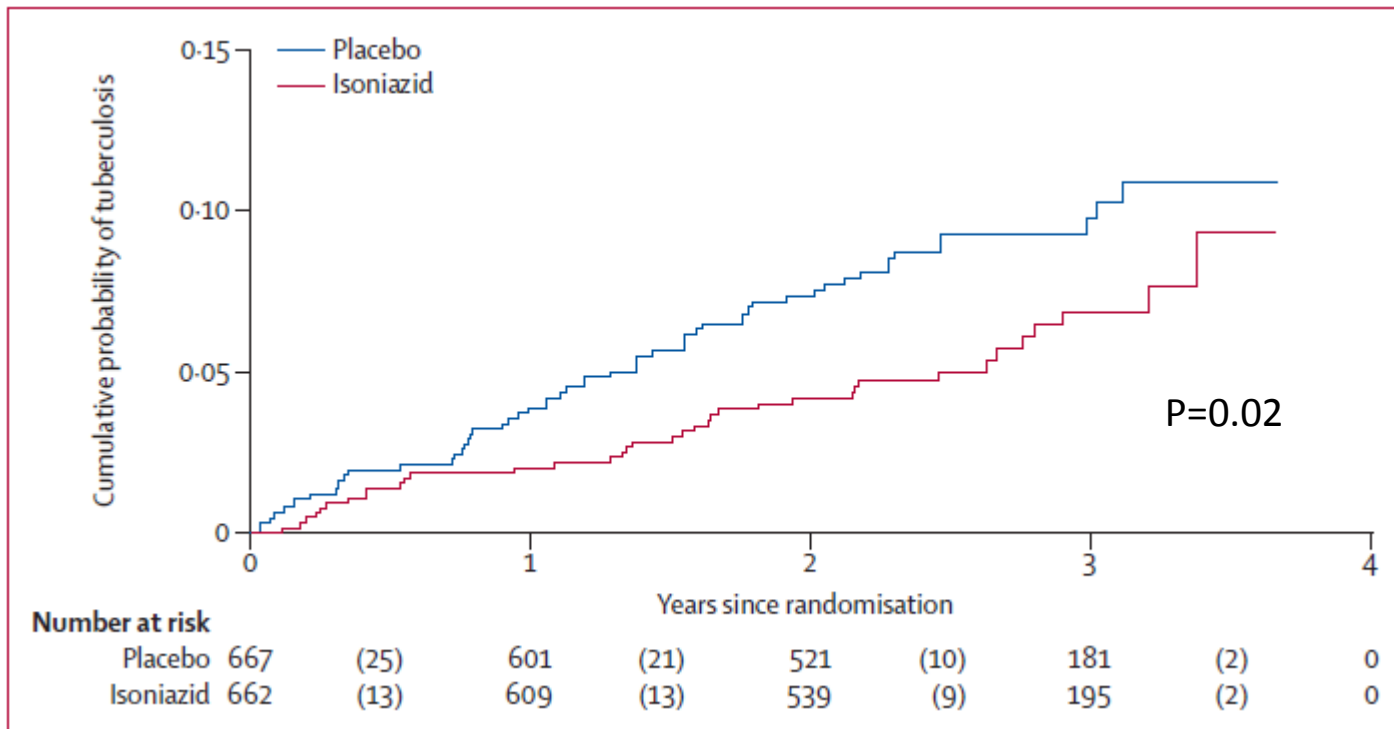
Treatment	Brazil TB/100 PY (95% CI)	South Africa TB/100 PY (95% CI)
No ART or IPT	4.01 (3.4-4.69)	7.1 (6.2–8.2)
ART	1.90 (1.66–2.17)	4.6 (3.4–6.2)
IPT	1.27 (0.41–2.95)	5.2 (3.4–7.8)
IPT + ART	0.80 (0.38–1.47) RR=0.42 (0.2-0.8)	1.1 (0.02–7.6) RR=0.2 (0.01-1.14)

# IPT ART Study design

- Pragmatic randomized double-blind placebo-controlled trial
- INH/matching placebo, self-administered for 12 months in patients on ART
- Primary Endpoint: TB
- Secondary Endpoints: Grade 3/4 drug adverse events; death
- TAC provided treatment literacy & trial advocacy

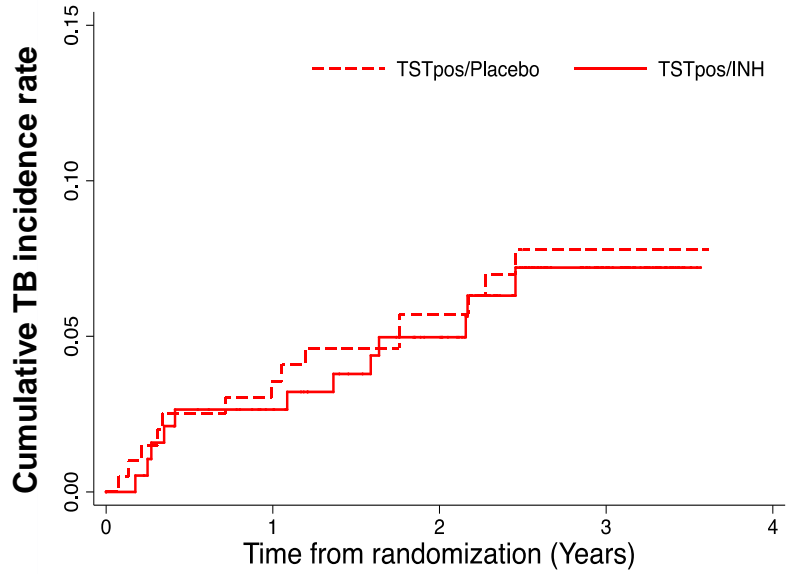


# Time to TB



Hazard ratio 0.63 (95% CI 0.41-0.94)

# Effect modification by TST status at baseline

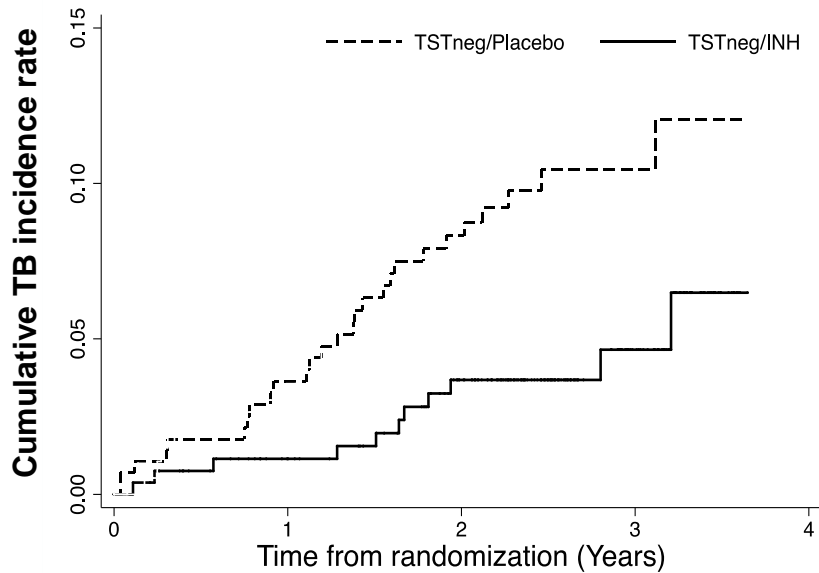


**TST pos/Placebo: 2.8/100PY**

**TST pos/INH: 2.6/100PY**

**HRu=0.92 (0.43-1.97)**

**Logrank P=0.83**



**TST neg/Placebo: 4.1/100PY**

**TST neg/INH: 1.7/100PY**

**HRu=0.41 (0.20-0.83)\***

**Logrank P=0.06**

# IPT ART risk:benefit

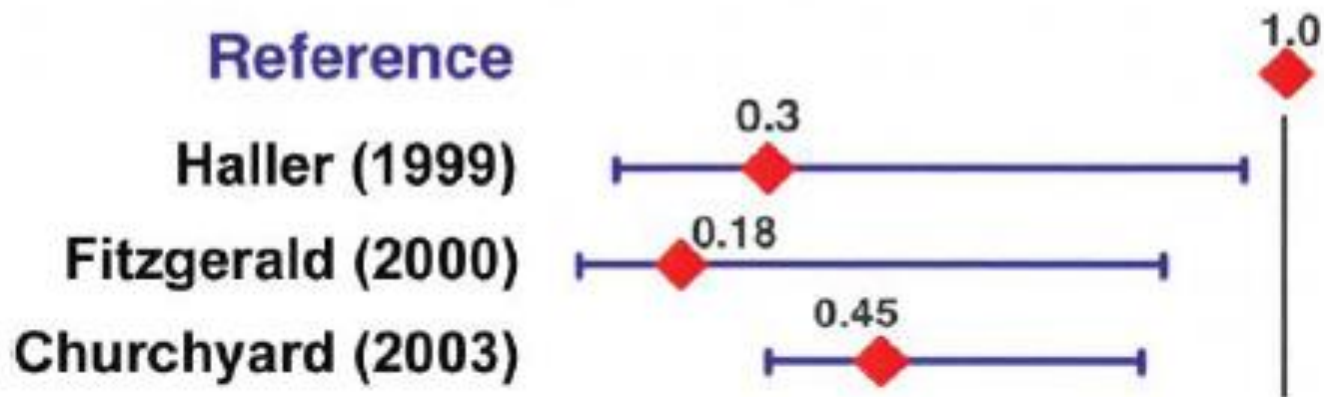
Number needed to treat to prevent 1 case TB = 25

(cost of 12H = R165)

Number needed to harm (stop study drug due to toxicity) = 100

# IPT for secondary prevention for PLHIV

## Incidence Rate Ratios & 95% CI



# Prophylactic effect of INH on primary TB in children

RCT: INH vs. Placebo (4-6mg/kg/day)

## 2 Groups:

- <3y of age – TST 5TU  $\geq$ 5mm
- >3y of age - TST 5TU  $\geq$ 5mm + CXR evidence Primary TB

	INH N = 1394	Placebo N = 1356
Extra-pulmonary complications	5 (0.33%)	26 (1.91%)

80% cases prevented

P = 0.0002 Fishers Exact 2-tail test

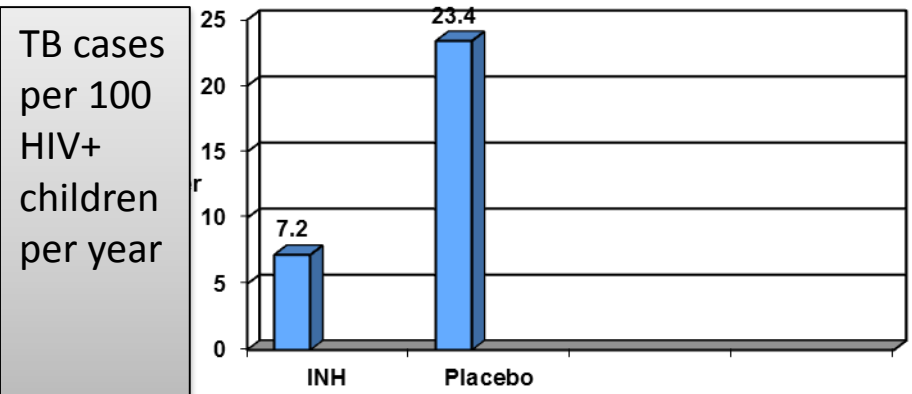
INH reasonably effective for post-exposure prophylaxis

US Public Service TB prophylaxis trial – Am Rev TB 1957; 76: 942-63

# IPT for HIV+ infants & children without active TB?

**Yes** – Zar et al BMJ 2007; 334: 36-43  
5/131 vs 13/132 cases

**No** – Madhi et al N Engl J Med 2011; 365: 21 - 31



Survival

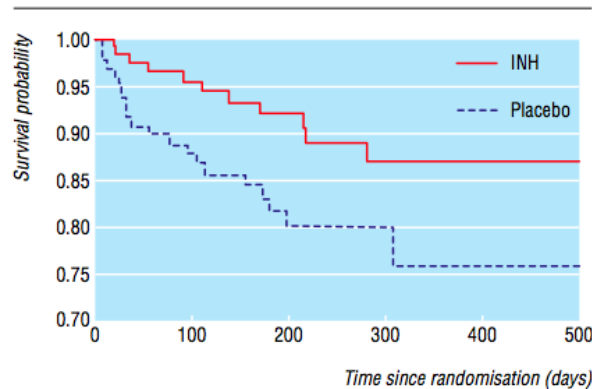
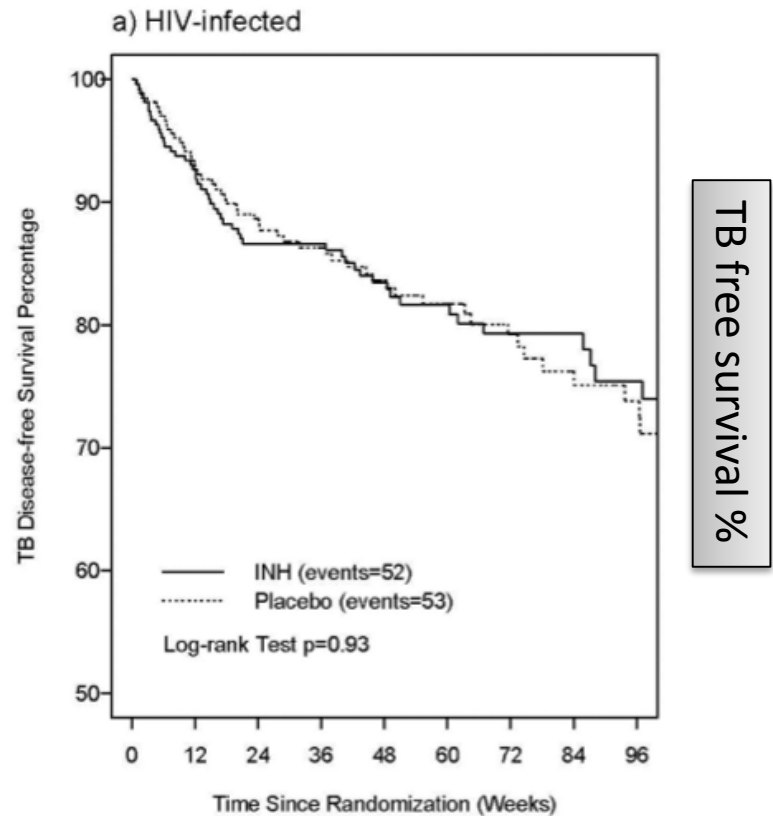


Fig 2 Survival in children on isoniazid (INH) or placebo



# Ethical Issue 2: Do no harm (Non-maleficence)

- TB – stigmatising life threatening disease that requires at least 6 months of treatment with drugs that can be toxic (liver, hearing, vision) – worth preventing!
- IPT has limited toxicity
- IPT does not increase isoniazid (INH) resistance
  - TB symptom screening is effective in detecting TB – negative predictive value is 98% (WHO meta-analysis)
  - If TB is latent, few organisms, thus low risk of selection of DR-TB
  - Most resistance arises from suboptimal treatment of active disease so preventing active disease will reduce resistance

# IPT: hepatotoxicity rare

## Uganda RCT

- 7/931 AST > 135 u/L (N 7-27 u/L); total 3 stopped with any adverse event Whalen NEJM 1997;337:801

## South Africa, routine, pre-ART

- 1/777 stopped INH with asymptomatic raised AST Grant JAMA 2005;293:2719-2725

## South Africa, ART cohort

- IPT not associated with higher risk of hepatotoxicity Hoffmann AIDS 2007;21:1301-8

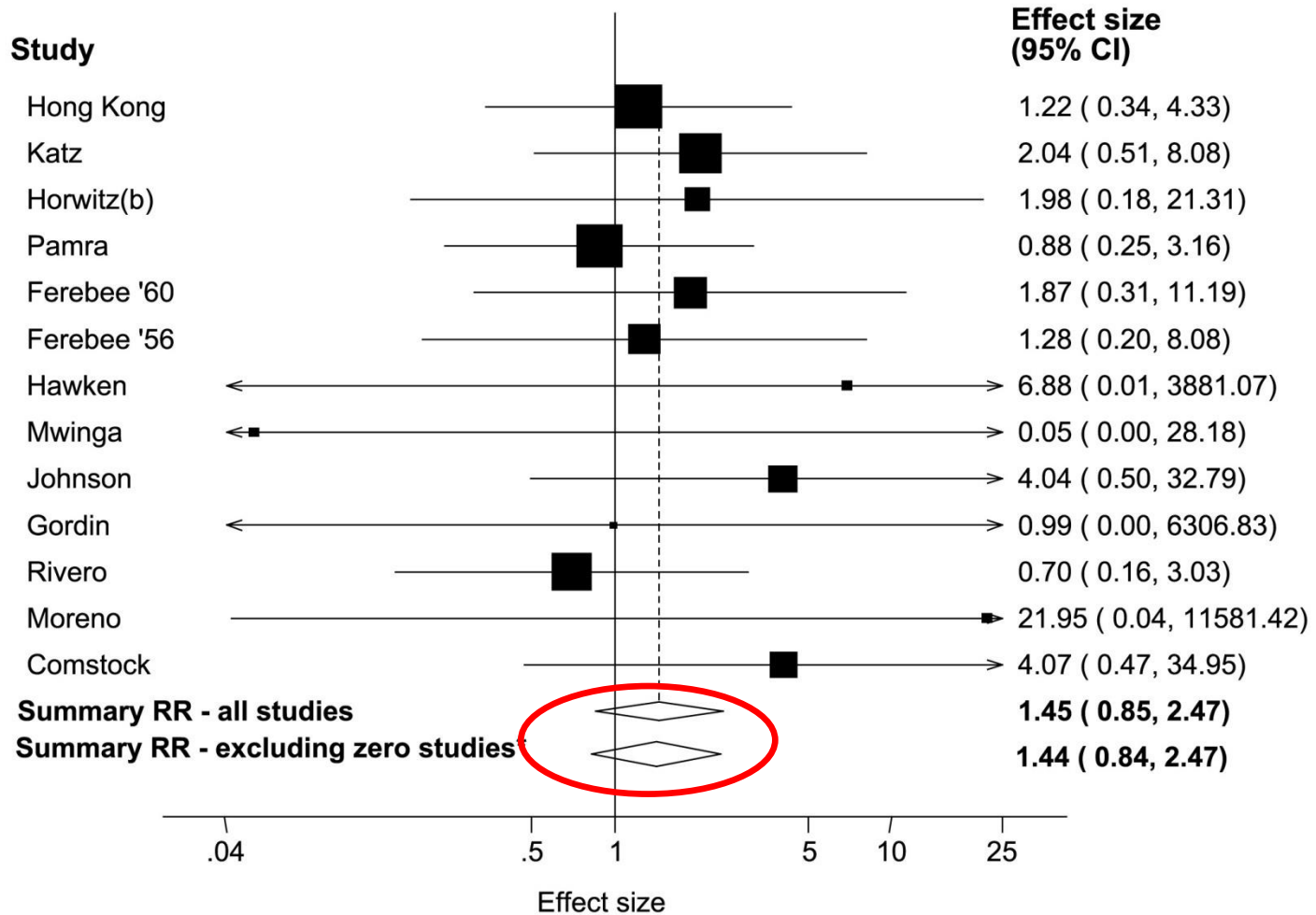


# Thibela TB - IPT is safe

- 24221 participants started IPT
  - 95% male, median age 40 years
- 130 individuals experienced 132 possible study defined AEs (0.54%)
  - Suspected hypersensitivity rash 61
  - Peripheral neuropathy 50
  - Convulsions 4
  - Hepatotoxicity 17
    - *INH related* 2
- One AE resulted in death: overall risk of death of 4 per 100,000 (0.004%)

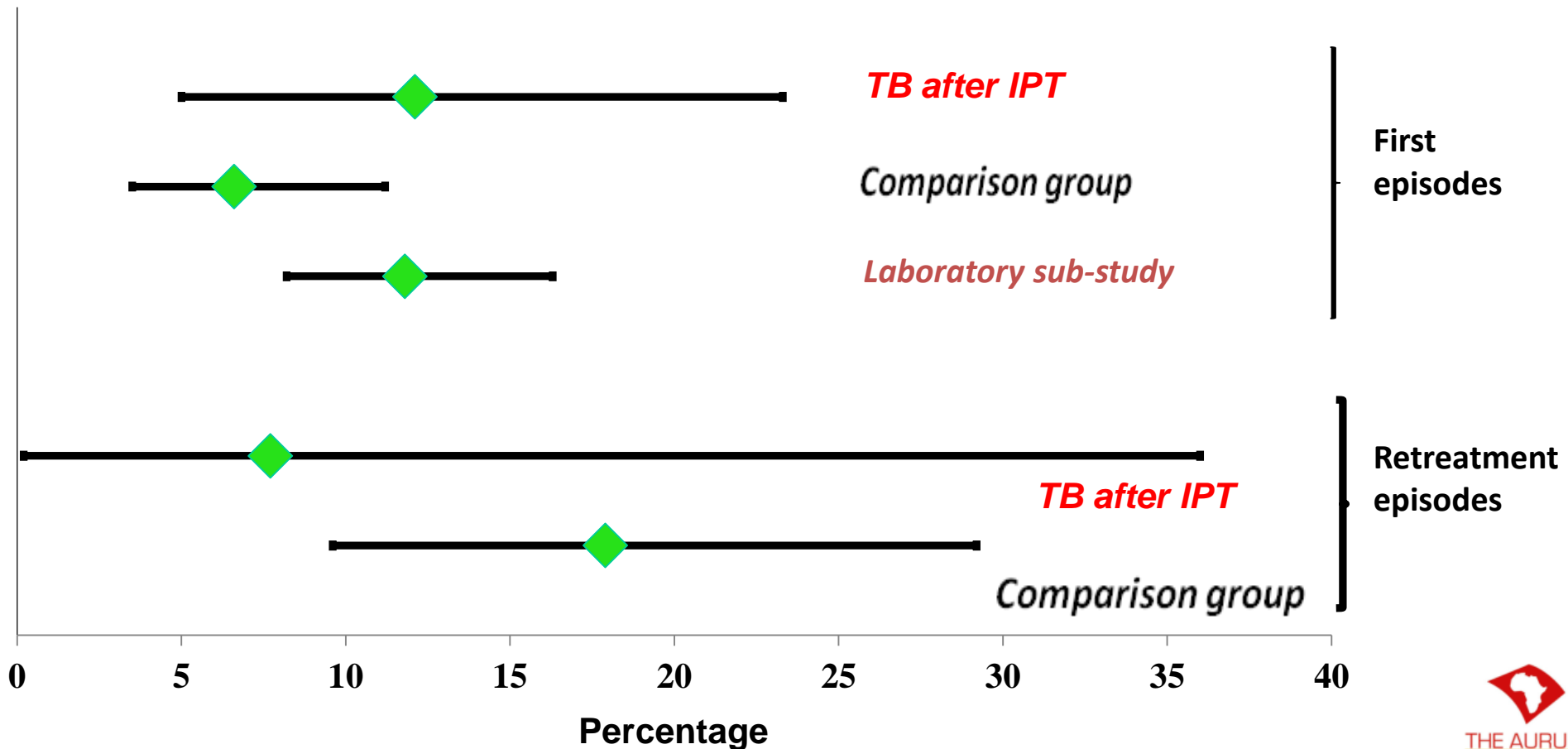
# Evidence suggests that IPT does not promote isoniazid resistance

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# Thibela TB - IPT does not generate resistance

## Any INH resistance: Mean (95% CI)



# IPT does not increase resistance

- If TB is latent, few organisms, dividing slowly, thus low risk of selection of DR-TB
- Risk of increased resistance, if any, is small:
  - Summary RR = 1.45 (95% CI 0.85, 2.47)
- Most resistance arises from suboptimal treatment of active disease, so preventing active disease will reduce resistance
- Early studies of isoniazid monotherapy showed 70% cure  
MRC Br Med J 1952;2(4787):735-46
- First line TB treatment is effective for INH-resistant TB  
Nolan IJTLD 2002;6:952, Mitchison Am Rev Respir Dis 1986;133(3):423-30
- There is still a need for surveillance of resistance

# Ethical Issue 3: What would I want?

## (Autonomy: allowing choice)

- Imperative to inform patients of benefits/risks of IPT and allow them to choose
- If I were living with HIV in South Africa I would not want to get sick with TB so I would want:
  - Good infection control in health facilities and communities to protect me
  - Regular TB screening to access treatment if I was sick with TB
  - IPT to treat my latent TB infection and prevent reinfection if I was asymptomatic
  - The option of 3 years IPT or longer
  - Early ART

# Ethical Issue 4: Access (Justice)

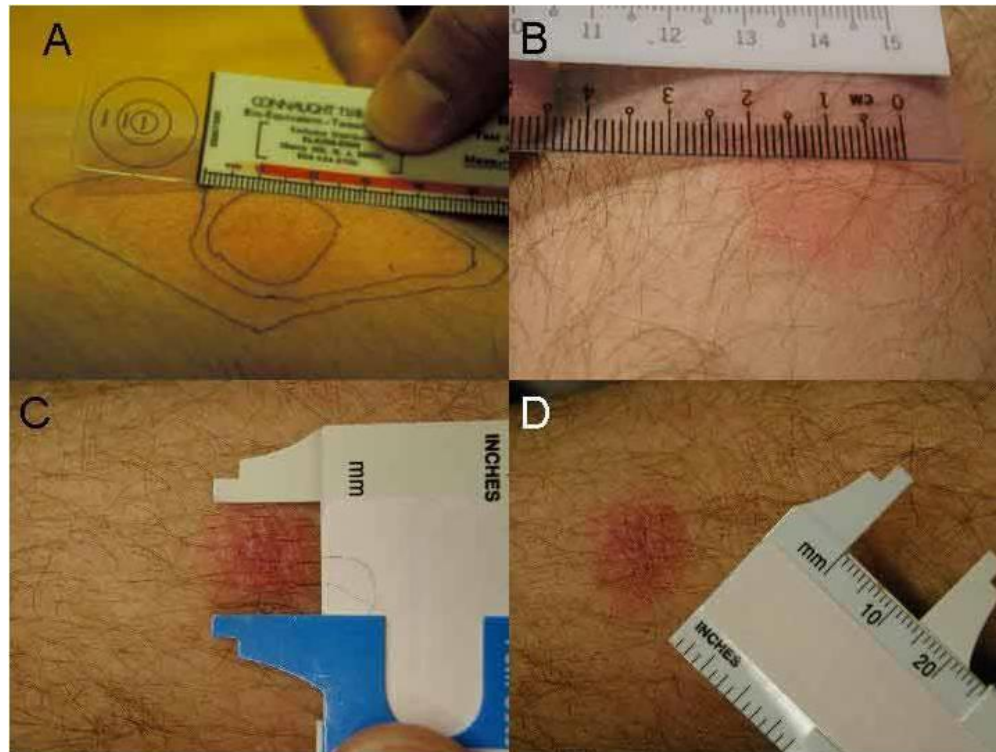
- IPT is cost effective and easy to implement so it should be made available in all PHC facilities
- TST difficult to perform and interpret and has been a barrier to IPT implementation
- IPT is currently not provided in many facilities and this is unjust

# Systems Issues

- IPT is feasible
  - 1576 started out of 4110 in care in PHC sites in Ugu, Bohlabela and Cape Town in SA TB/HIV Pilots (1999-2002)
  - 9633 started out of 29,197 in care in 18 PHC sites in Kenya (2004-7), 76% completion Diero, PEPFAR HIV Implementers Meeting, 2008
  - 270,500 started on IPT in South Africa in one year (April 2013 – March 2014)
- IPT is cost effective
  - Cost to prevent TB case in mines (\$353) less than treating a TB case (\$1,736) Kumaranayake, IAS 2004
  - Cost to prevent TB case in PHC clinics (\$486-\$962) less than the cost of treating TB (\$823-\$1362) Hausler, Bulletin WHO 2006;84(7):528-36

# Requiring tuberculin skin tests before initiating IPT leads to avoidable and substantial number of TB cases

TST unknowns (who were never tested), IPT achieved a 50% reduction in TB incidence, going from an incidence rate of 2.5/100PY (95% CI 2.3 to 2.7) for those not on IPT down to 1.2/100PY (95% CI 0.7 to 2.0)



Golub JE et al. 18<sup>th</sup> Int AIDS conference, abstract MOAB0305, Vienna, 2010



# Prevalence of TST-positivity among healthy HIV-positive Africans

- 27% of patients in Botswana
  - Mosimaneotsile B et al. Isoniazid tuberculosis preventive therapy in HIV-infected adults accessing antiretroviral therapy: a Botswana Experience, 2004-2006. *J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr* 2010; 54: 71–7.
- 52% in Cape Town
  - 25% CD4<200, 57% CD4 $\geq$ 200
  - Rangaka MX, et al. Effect of HIV-1 infection on T-cell-based and skin test detection of tuberculosis infection. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* 2007; 175: 514–20.
- 55% among South Africa gold miners
  - Hanifa Y, et al. Prevalence of latent tuberculosis infection among gold miners in South Africa. *Int J Tuberc Lung Dis* 2009; 13: 39–46.

# TST reading by patients?

- Methods
  - Patients were trained to read their TST result
  - Given clinic card with 5 mm hole punch
  - Asked to return in 48-72 hours for nurse to read
- Results
  - 201/227 (93%) returned to clinic for TST reading
  - Sensitivity 79% (73-85%)
  - Specificity 72% (58-87%)
  - Positive predictive value 42% (30-54%)
  - Negative predictive value 93% (89-97%)

# THRio Study: TB screening and IPT in HIV clinics

Stepped wedge, cluster randomised trial in 29 clinics

Staff trained on TB screening, TST, IPT

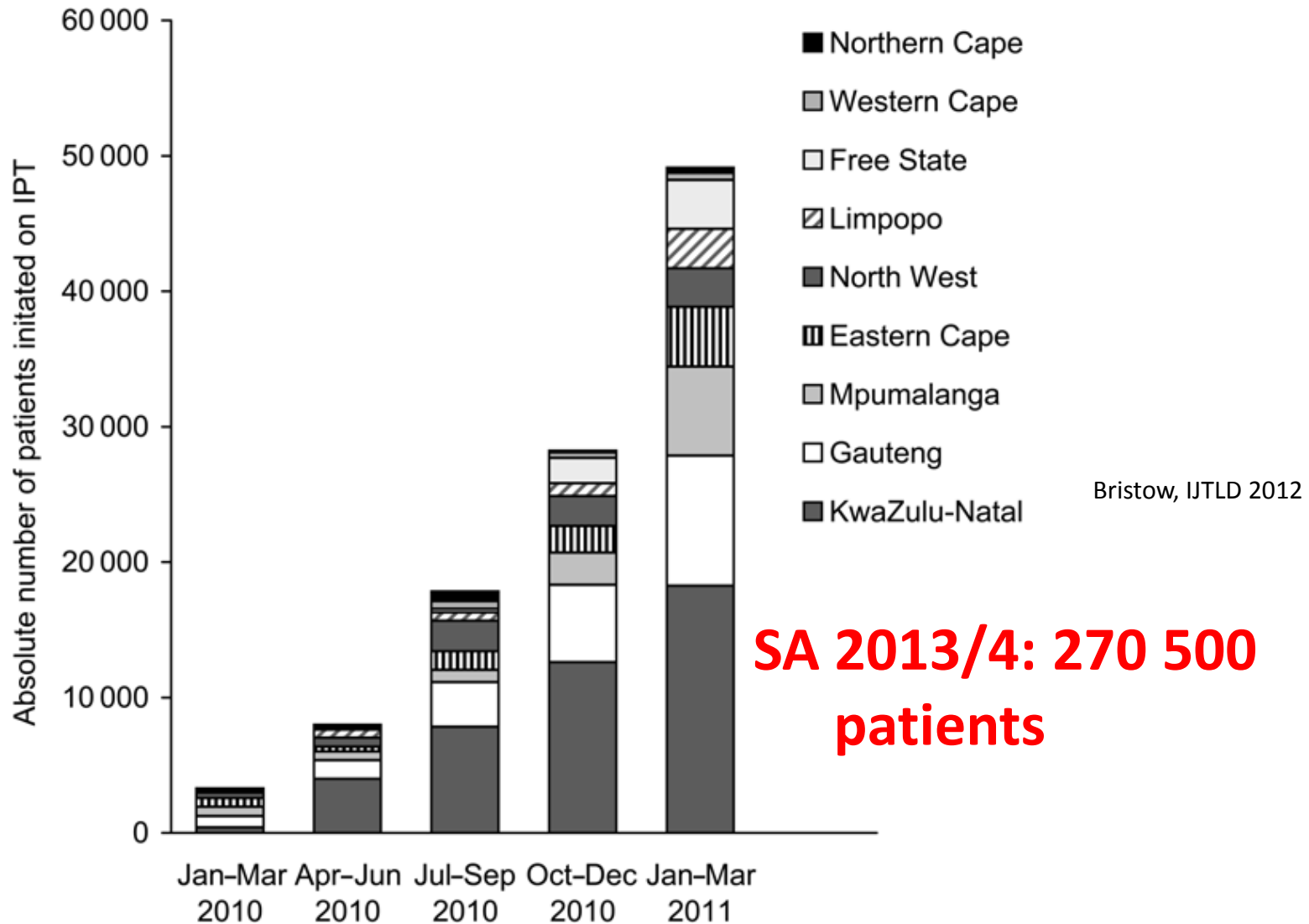
12 836 patients

	Outcome	Cases	Crude HR (95% CI)	p-value	Adjusted HR (95% CI)	p-value
Intent To Treat	TB	475	0.87 (0.69-1.10)	0.24	<b>0.73</b> <b>(0.54-0.99)</b>	0.04
	TB or Death	1313	0.76 (0.66-0.87)	<0.001	<b>0.69</b> <b>(0.57-0.83)</b>	<0.001
Per-protocol (Stayers)	TB	399	0.43 (0.31-0.58)	<0.001	<b>0.42</b> <b>(0.31-0.58)</b>	<0.001
	TB or Death	1055	0.50 (0.41-0.60)	<0.001	<b>0.50</b> <b>(0.41-0.60)</b>	<0.001

Stayers – per-protocol - Among those remaining in clinic contact

Operational training on TBS, TST, IPT reduced incident TB and deaths

# IPT in PEPFAR assisted sites: 2010-2011



# IPT implementation in SA

## April 2013-March 2014

	Target	Achieved	% target achieved
Eastern Cape	79 151	43 533	55%
Free State	39 732	6 935	17%
Gauteng	208 430	75 035	36%
KwaZulu-Natal	169 293	69 410	41%
Limpopo	50 384	18 138	36%
Mpumalanga	72 360	28 220	39%
Northern Cape	9 780	4 694	48%
North West	46 362	18 545	40%
Western Cape	28 521	5 989	21%
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>693 000</b>	<b>270 500</b>	<b>39%</b>

**2.5 million people on ART in SA should be screened for TB and IPT!**

# Adherence interventions to consider

- Simplify the treatment to be taken – 300 mg tablet
- Link to adherence clubs
- Education and counseling is beneficial
- Monitor adherence on treatment – pill counts
- Notice if people miss visits
- Consider the use of reminders, food supplementation
- Watch for high-risk groups

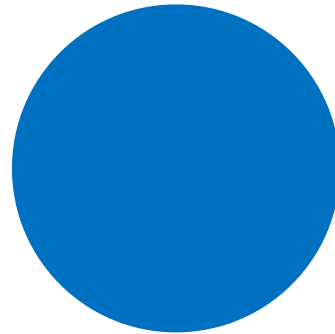
# International Advocacy for IPT

- WHO 3 I's meeting, April 2008
- Global Leaders Forum, 9 June 2008
- WHO HIV/AIDS Department Priority Interventions, IAS Mexico, August 2008
- Stop TB Partnership, March 2009

Stop TB Partnership Consensus Statement: “IPT works, IPT is safe, IPT works with ART or by itself. Ensure that all people living with HIV in countries where TB is common are offered IPT”

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burden

TB incidence



global

125 / 100k



target

10 / 100k

year

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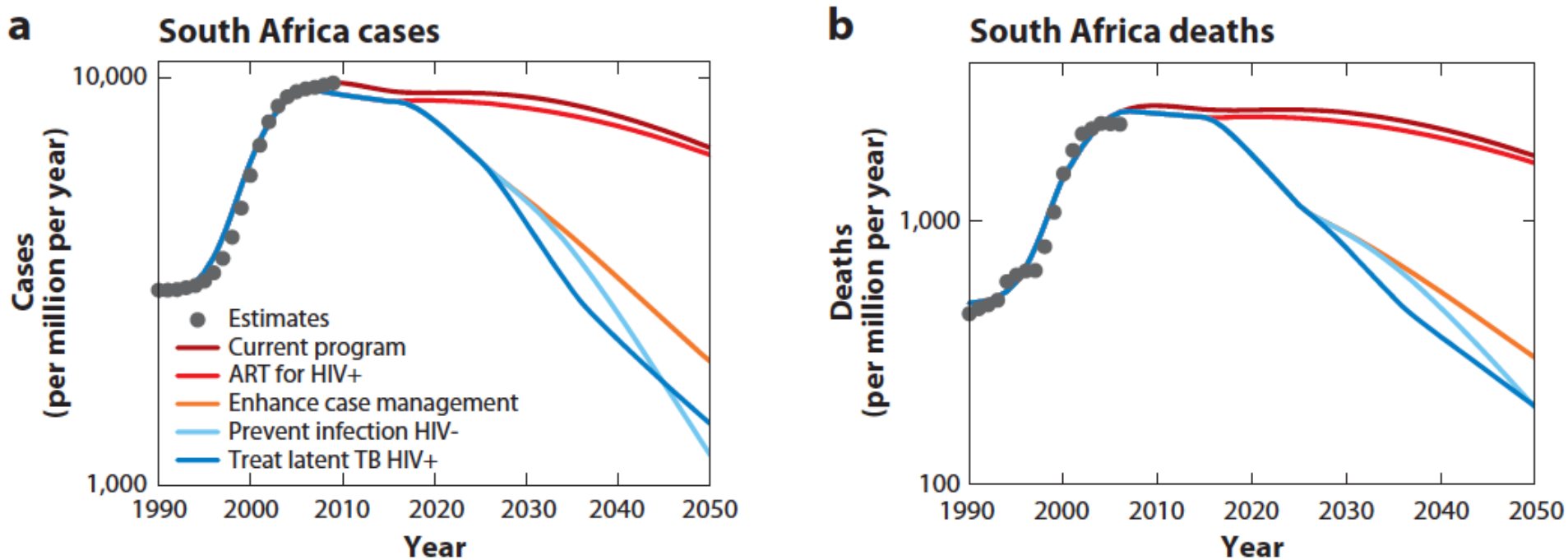
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# Modeled approaches to reaching TB elimination



If IPT could be scaled up to 75% in 2035:

TB incidence would fall from 10 000 to 1 400 per million

TB deaths would fall from 2 180 to 200 per million

# National Strategic Plan (NSP) for HIV and TB 2012-2016

- Zero new infections from HIV and TB
- Zero preventable deaths associated with HIV and AIDS and TB
- Zero transmission of HIV from mother to child
- Zero discrimination towards people living with HIV or TB

# NSP: 2012-2016

- Strategic Objective 2
  - Prevent new TB Infections:
    - Biomedical Interventions: IPT
- The implementation, monitoring and evaluation of IPT scaled-up
  - Adults and children living with HIV
  - Asymptomatic child contacts
  - Mine workers
- Preferably with positive TST

# NEW IPT Guidelines

	Pre-ART (CD4 > 350)	On ART
TST not available	6 months	12 months
TST negative	No IPT	12 months
TST positive	36 months	36 months

**NB: Provision is made for TST not available but recommend that it should be done within one month of initiating IPT  
Do not delay IPT while waiting for TST**

# Practical algorithm

- Pre-ART and ART
  - Screen for TB
    - Symptoms – investigate for TB (GXP)
    - No symptoms – start IPT
- Pre-ART
  - Do TST
    - Negative - stop IPT
    - Positive – continue for 36 months
    - Not done – continue for 6 months
- ART
  - Do TST
    - Negative or not done – continue IPT for 12 months
    - Positive – continue IPT for 36 months

# IPT in child contacts

- Children who meet the following criteria, once active TB is excluded:
  - All HIV-infected children who are **close contacts of a person with confirmed infectious TB** regardless of age
  - All children < 5 who are **close contacts of a person with confirmed infectious TB** regardless of HIV status

# How well is post-exposure prophylaxis given to TB-exposed children in public programs?

- Poor
  - 46 029 TB cases registered in W Cape in 2012
    - 2680 child contacts <5years received IPT
    - Only 45% completed 6 months IPT in 2012 but completion increased to 79% in Q1 2013
  - Du Preez et al – Ann Trop Paediatr 2011; 31: 301-10
    - Missed opportunities for IPT in 71% of 221 children with culture+ TB in Cape Town

# Provision of IPT

- For first 6 months, provide as a one-month supply
  - For long term IPT provide as 3 month supply
- In adults, TB preventive therapy is offered as a once off for now
- In children, TB preventive therapy is repeated if there is another direct contact with active infectious TB patient



# IPT Monitoring

- On-going counselling and patient education
- Adherence monitoring (i.e. pill count)
- Early identification and management of adverse events
- TB symptom screening for early detection of active TB
- Social support and care
- As much as possible ensure visits coincide with other chronic visits to avoid multiple visits
- Record on HIV clinical stationery and TIER

# TIER

- *Tier.Net*

**TB Treatment**

Cured  
01 Dec 2013

Add/Edit TB visit at this facility

On TB Treatment at another facility

**IPT Treatment**

Edit Delete

IPT Start Date	IPT Stop Date	IPT Outcome
06 Oct 2010		

Skin Test Date Result

Other

Pap Smear  
Smear Done?

Smear Date  Clear

Cotrimoxazole

**Patient IPT**

IPT Start Date 06 Oct 2010 Clear

IPT Stop Date  Clear

IPT Outcome

Save Close

**Patient IPT**

IPT Start Date 06 Oct 2010 Clear

IPT Stop Date 17 Dec 2010 Clear

IPT Outcome

Treatment Interrupted  
Completed IPT Treatment  
Transferred Out  
Treatment Interrupted  
Developed TB

- Systems prompt for IPT information
- IPT outcomes available
- ‘Visits’ are captured
- Tool available in the facility
- Monthly initiation report

**Patients Started on IPT (this month)**

	HIV Care	ART Care
Adult	0	0
Child	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	-

# IPT is a priority!

- IPT works
- IPT is safe
- IPT does not increase risk of resistance
- IPT is feasible and cost effective
- IPT will help eliminate TB
- IPT is policy

# Call to action – join the I can campaign I can implement IPT!

- IPT for PLHIV and child contacts is an important element of a combination TB prevention package
- Failure to offer IPT is unethical and will compromise TB control efforts
- Partnerships needed between DOH and civil society to:
  - Inform and mobilise patients
  - Create patient-centred systems to initiate IPT, do and read TST, provide adherence support
  - Use TIER.net to monitor

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