

# Tuberculosis in Pregnant and Postpartum Women



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# Overview

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- Global TB burden and epidemiology
- Impact on maternal-child health outcomes
- Screening for active disease and TB infection in pregnancy/ postpartum
- Treatment for TB and TBI
- Ongoing research



# Patient Presentation

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- HPI: 26 yo Indian female G2P1 @ 10 weeks gestational age presenting with vaginal bleeding and abdominal pain
- Diagnosed with pulmonary TB at ~6 weeks gestational age
  - Sputum AFB positive 2+
  - Anti TB therapy started
- Ultrasound now shows signs of gestational failure

*BJMC, Sassoon Hospital Pune Case, Dr. Shilpa Naik*

## *Case Report*

# **Untreated Active Tuberculosis in Pregnancy with Intraocular Dissemination: A Case Report and Review of the Literature**

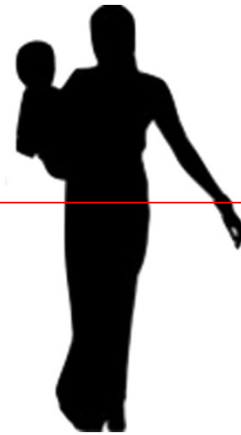
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- 26 y.o. Ghanaian pregnant female with gestational diabetes and prior PPD+
- 4 months of cough
- No chest radiograph done until after delivery due to fear of radiation exposure
  - DELAY in diagnosis
- Dissemination to eye causing optic atrophy, chorioretinitis, uveitis
- Neonate separated from mother, formula fed and provided INH/B6

*Rezai Case reports in Pulmonology 2015*

# Bedaquiline and Linezolid for Extensively Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in Pregnant Woman

Marie Jaspard, Elisabeth Elefant-Amoura,  
Isabelle Melonio, Inès De Montgolfier,  
Nicolas Veziris, Eric Caumes



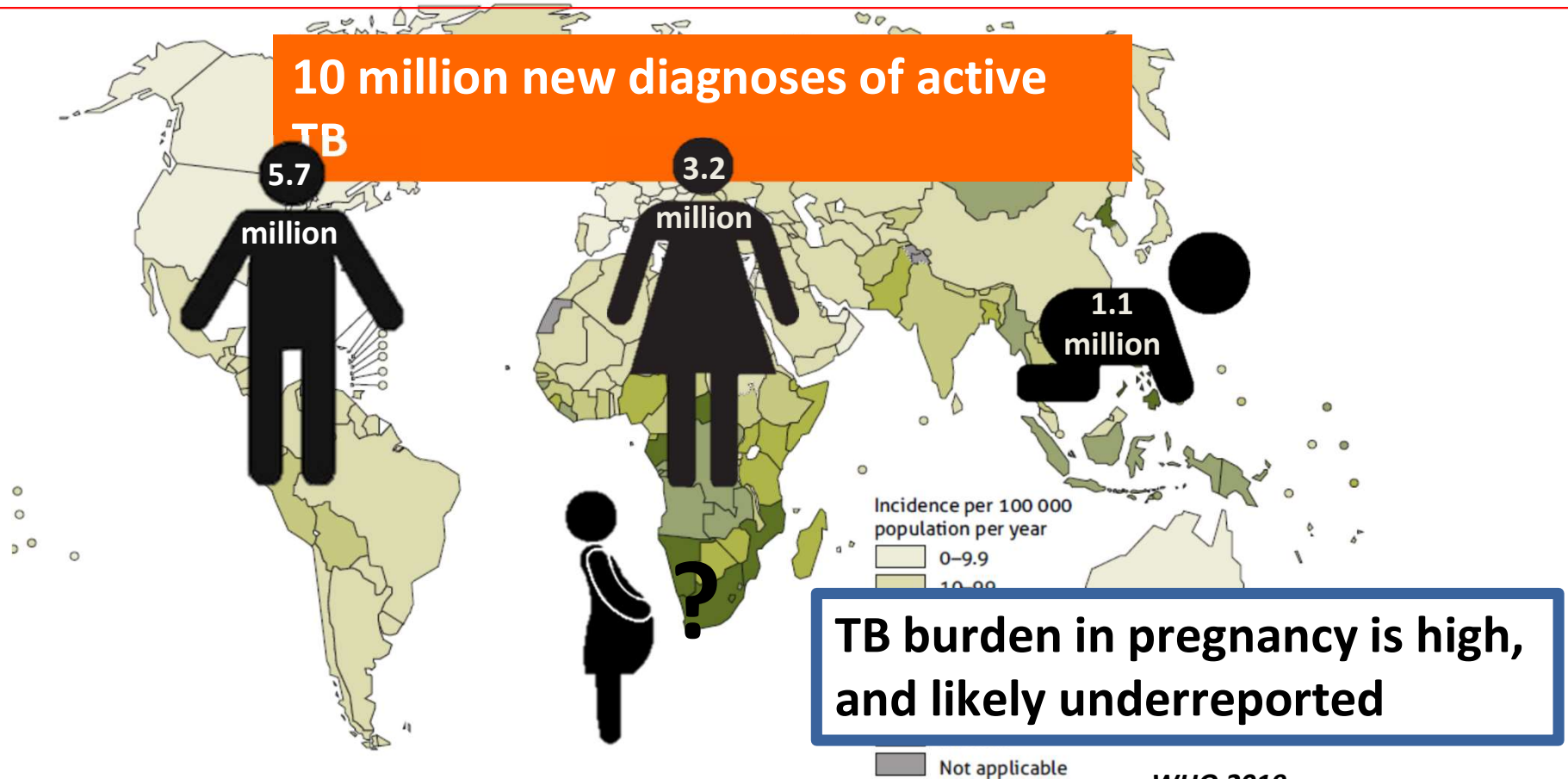
- 33 yo woman developed MDR TB in Republic of Georgia in 2008, relapsed in 2012 then developed XDR TB in 2014.
  - Incomplete treatment with PZA, cycloserine, PAS, amox/clav, capreomycin, levofloxacin, prothanimide, clarithro, clofazamine.
- Became pregnant and not on treatment. At 31 weeks sought care in France. She had chronic cough, cavitory lung lesion, no weight loss. Fetus had no abnormalities.
  - Resistance to INH, RIF, low level FQ, EMB, ethionamide, AG but susceptible to cycloserine, PAS, bedaquilline, linezolid
  - At 36 weeks gestation: **bedaquilline, linezolid** 600mg/d, PAS, cycloserine, levofloxacin initiated
  - At 39 weeks delivered FT healthy baby, placenta negative for MTB, infant negative for TB by gastric washings, Xray, and was separated from mom as still smear+
  - Mom completed 24 month treatment. Baby well at 2 years with normal growth

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# What is the burden of TB in pregnancy?

# Global TB burden

Estimated TB incidence rates, 2018

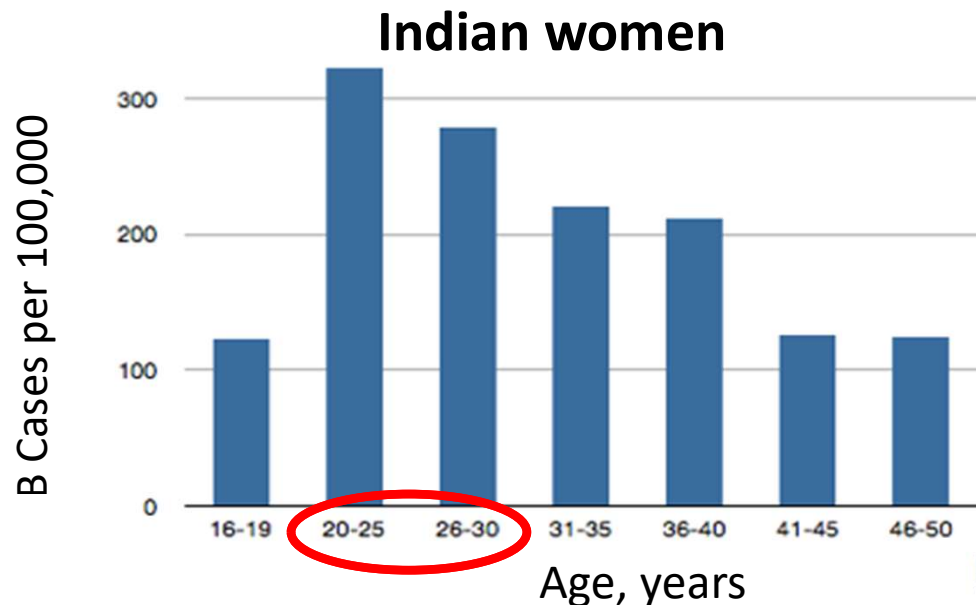
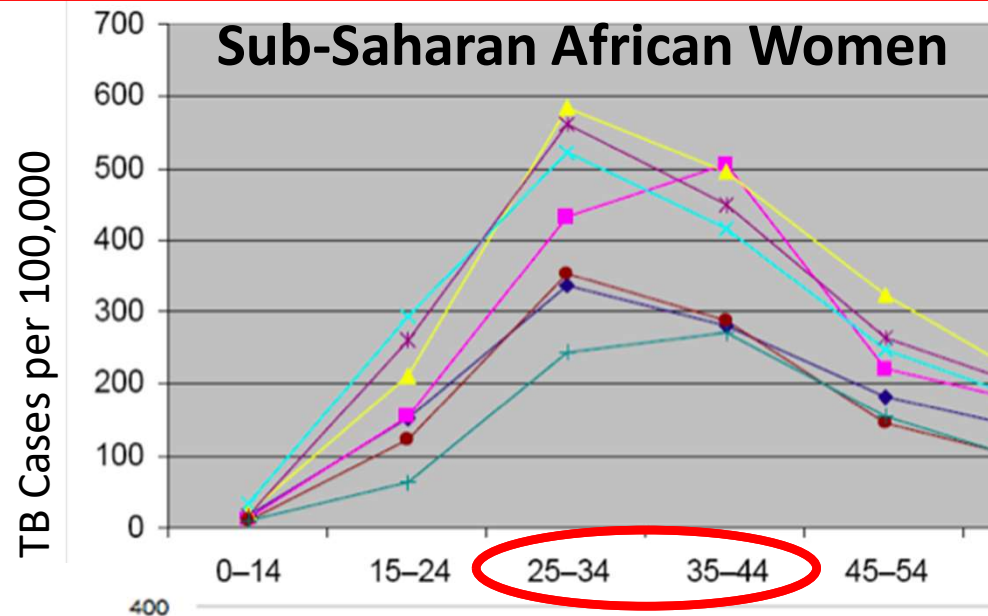


WHO 2019

Sugarman, *Lancet Global Health* 2014

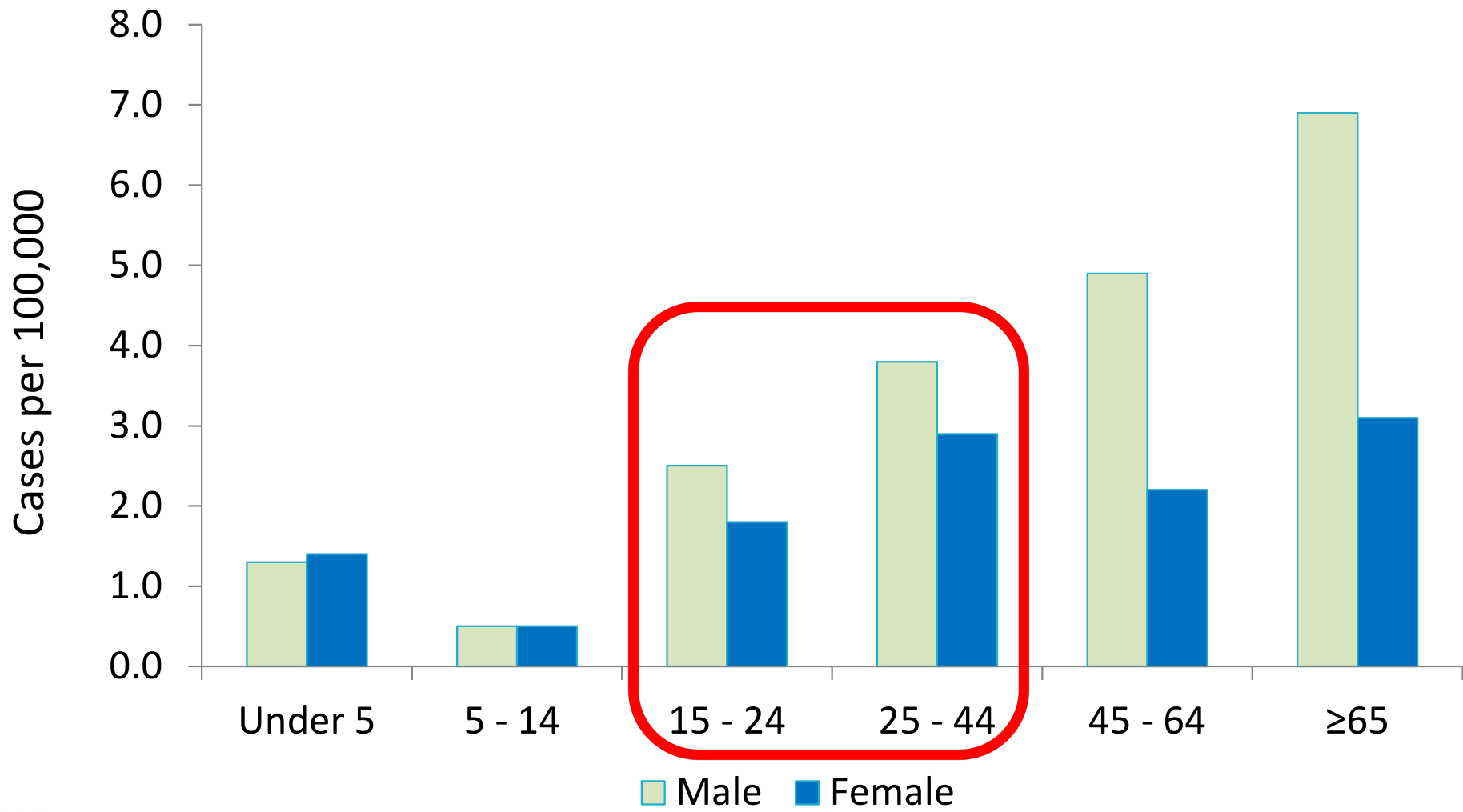


# Peak TB incidence in women of reproductive age irrespective of HIV



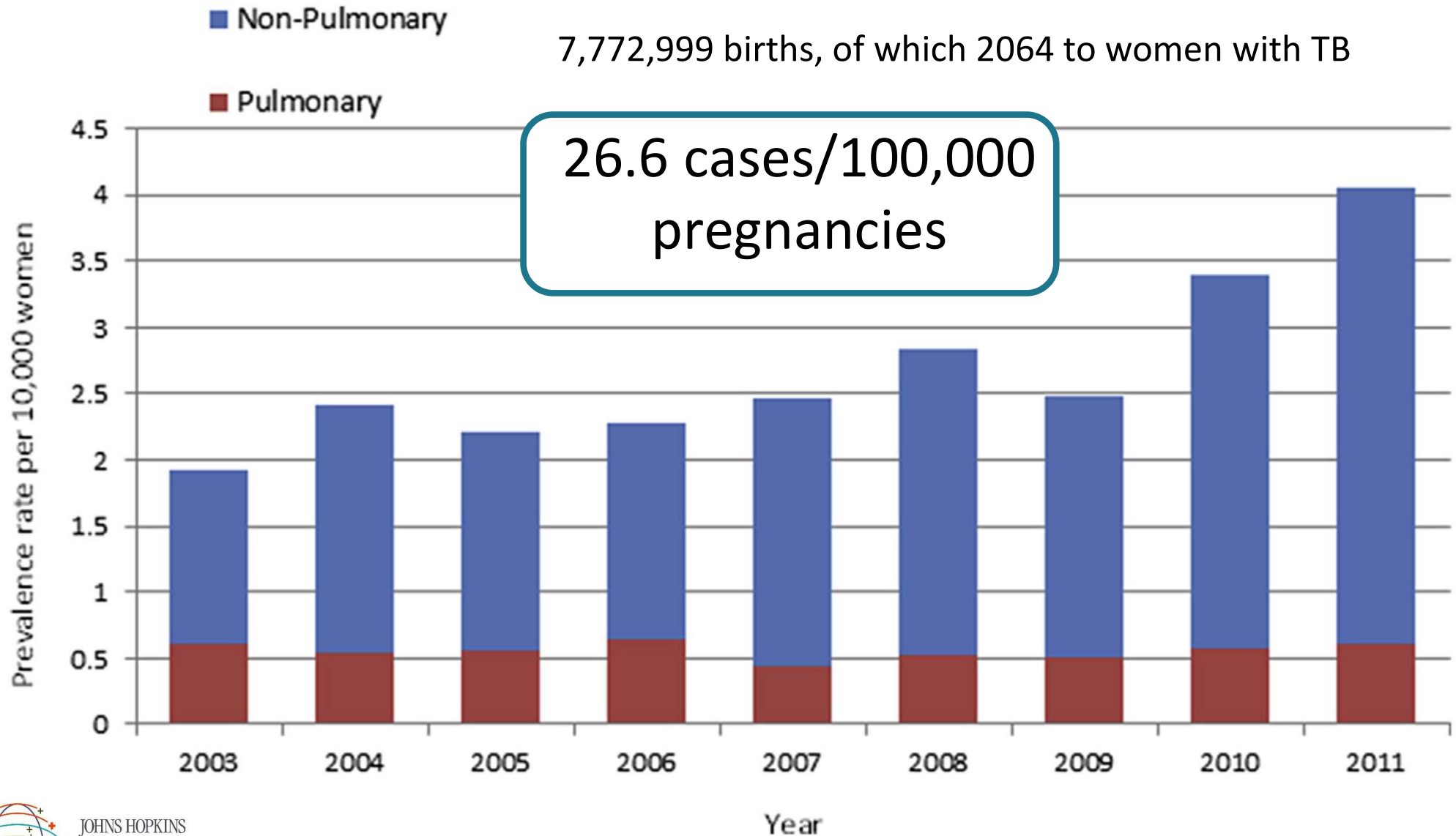
# US TB Epidemiology

## TB Case Rates by Age Group and Sex, United States, 2014



# US TB Epidemiology in Pregnancy

## Prevalence of Pulmonary and Non-pulmonary TB, 2003-2011



# Prevalence of TB in pregnancy

- No national reporting for high burden countries
- Data based on individual screening studies

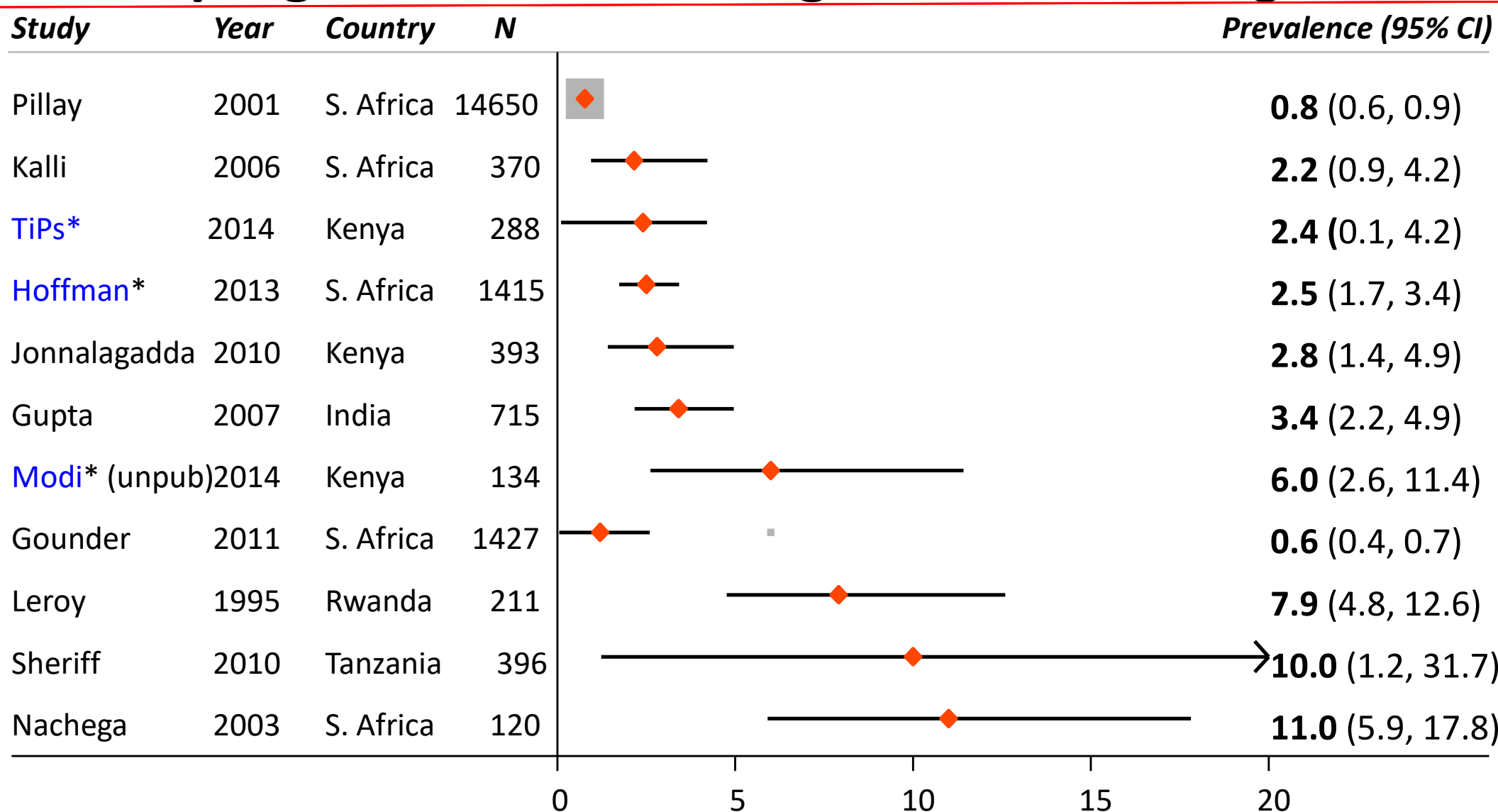
## Active TB

Study Site	HIV-negative	HIV-positive
Low burden countries	0.06-0.25%	1%
High-burden countries	0.07-0.53%	0.69-11%

## Latent TB

Study Site	HIV-negative	HIV-positive
Low burden countries	10-23%	11-26%
High-burden countries	18-34%	21-49%

# Prevalence of TB disease in HIV-infected pregnant women in high burden settings



\*culture obtained independent of symptoms

Prevalence: 0.6-11%

# Global estimate of TB in pregnancy

	Mean (95% uncertainty range)	Rate per 1000 pregnant women (95% uncertainty range)	Percentage of global burden
All countries combined	216 500 (192 100–247 000)	2.1 (1.8–2.4)	..
African Region	89 400 (74 200–110 500)	3.6 (3.0–4.5)	41%
Region of the Americas	4800 (3900–6000)	0.4 (0.3–0.5)	2%
Eastern Mediterranean Region	28 500 (19 700–41 900)	2.3 (1.6–3.4)	13%
European Region	4900 (3800–6300)	0.6 (0.5–0.8)	2%
South-East Asia Region	67 500 (52 000–87 100)	2.4 (1.9–3.1)	31%
Western Pacific Region	21 400 (19 400–23 700)	1.1 (1.0–1.2)	10%

**Table 2: Total number of active tuberculosis cases in pregnant women, rate per 1000 pregnant women and percentage of global burden by WHO region and combined**

Based on total population, crude birth rate, age distribution, TB case notification by age/sex

# Revisiting The Burden Of TB In Pregnant And Post-partum Women

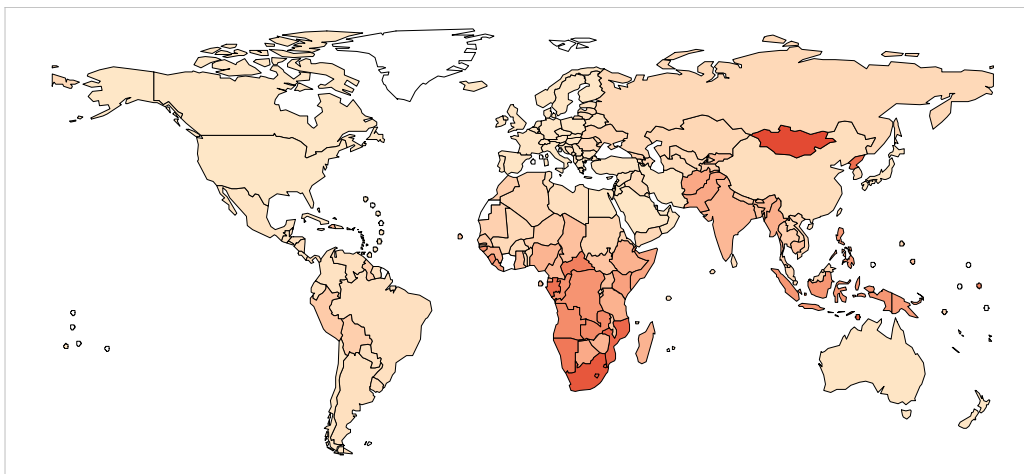
WHO Region	Pregnancy	Postpartum
	Mean (95% uncertainty range)	Mean (95% uncertainty range)
All countries combined	150 600 (119 800, 181 300)	49 000 (39 000, 59 000)
AFR	60 900 (48 300, 73 400)	19 000 (15 700, 23 900)
AMR	3 000 (2 500, 3 500)	1000 (800, 1 100)
EMR	16 300 (9 000, 23 500)	5 300 (2 900, 7 700)
EUR	2 800 (2 100, 3 500)	900 (700, 1 100)
SEA	54 300 (27 700, 81 000)	17 700 (9 000, 26 400)
WPR	13 300 (8 500, 18 200)	4 300 (2 800, 5 900)

**+ Prevalence potentially lower than previously estimated**

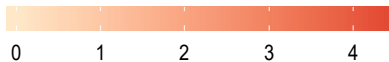
**- Data on TB in pregnancy and postpartum not routinely collected**

**HOW DO WE IMPROVE OUR ESTIMATES IF WE DON'T ACTUALLY REPORT TB CASES IN PREGNANCY?**

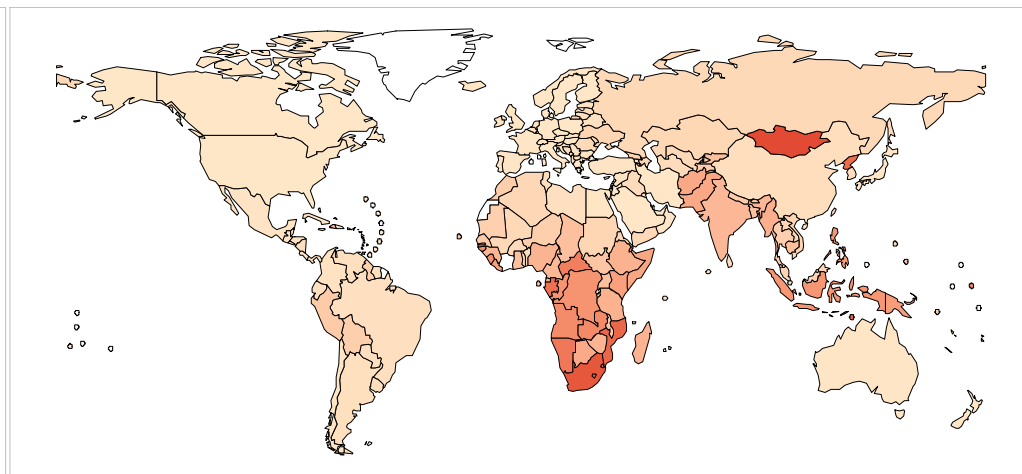
# Revisiting The Burden Of TB In Pregnant And Post-partum Women



Estimated number of TB incident cases per 1000 pregnant women



**PREGNANCY**



Estimated number of TB incident cases per 1000 pregnant women



**POSTPARTUM**


**HOW DO WE GET PREGNANCY ESTIMATES  
IN FUTURE GLOBAL TB REPORTS?**



# Pregnancy Status In The U.S. National Tuberculosis Surveillance System (NTSS)

- TB in pregnancy not currently captured under routine surveillance in US
- CDC 2020 Revision of the Report of Verified Case of Tuberculosis (RVCT)
- Opportunity to improve our understanding of TB outcomes among pregnant women using surveillance data

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Street Address	(Last)	(First)	(M.I.)
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	(ZIP CODE)		



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 Viral Hepatitis, STD, and  
 TB Prevention

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**REPORT OF VERIFIED CASE OF TUBERCULOSIS**

1. Date Reported	3. Case Numbers		
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## The “wish list”:

- ✓ **Pregnancy**
- ✓ **Gestational age**
- ✓ **Postpartum**
- ✓ **Infant outcome**

# Pregnancy Status In The U.S. National Tuberculosis Surveillance System (NTSS)

## Comprehensive Pregnancy Variables Considered

### Demographics

If female, pregnancy status of the patient at time of diagnostic evaluation:

- ☐ delivered or miscarried within 12 weeks prior to TB diagnosis
- ☐ pregnant at the time of diagnostic evaluation
- ☐ no pregnancy
- ☐ unknown

### Additional Risk Factors

- ☐ delivered or miscarried within 12 weeks prior to diagnosis
- ☐ undergoing IVF or other fertility trtmt

### Final TB Disease Case Outcome

If pregnant at the time of diagnostic evaluation or pregnant during treatment:

- ☐ maternal complications during delivery
- ☐ spontaneous or induced abortion
- ☐ live or still birth
- ☐ premature birth
- ☐ low birth weight
- ☐ congenital abnormality (specify)
- ☐ fetal death
- ☐ maternal death
- ☐ TB transmission to infant

# Pregnancy Status In The U.S. National Tuberculosis Surveillance System (NTSS)

Usefulness of information collected	Useful Not easy to collect	Useful Easy to Collect
	Not Useful Not easy to collect	Not Useful Easy to Collect

Degree of difficulty for collecting information  
(Timely, Accurate, Complete)

## Some of the New Questions Added:

Is the Patient Pregnant? (Yes/No/Unknown)

CD4 results for patients with reported positive HIV status

A1c results for with diabetes mellitus

-  **Pregnancy**
-  Gestational age
-  Postpartum
-  Infant outcome

**IS PREGNANCY STATUS OF TB CASES  
ROUTINELY COLLECTED IN YOUR  
SETTING?**

# **Impact of Maternal TB on maternal-infant outcomes?**

# Risk of complications in pregnancy TB vs. no TB

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## Maternal complications

- Pre-eclampsia & eclampsia (2 fold)
- Vaginal bleeding (2 fold)
- Hospitalization (12 fold)
- Miscarriage (10 fold)
- Increased maternal mortality



*Jana Int J Gyn Obstet 1994*

*Jana NEJM 1999*

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*Bjerkedal 1975*

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*Pillay Lancet ID 2000;*

*Mathad CID 2012*

*Gupta CID 2007*

# Risk of complications in pregnancy TB vs. no TB

## Fetal and infant complications

- Fetal death (increased)
- Low birth weight (2 fold)
- Lower Apgar scores
- Prematurity (2 fold)
- Small for gestational age (2 fold)
- Perinatal death (increased)
- congenital TB (rare)
- Increased HIV transmission (2 fold)



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# Mother to child transmission of TB

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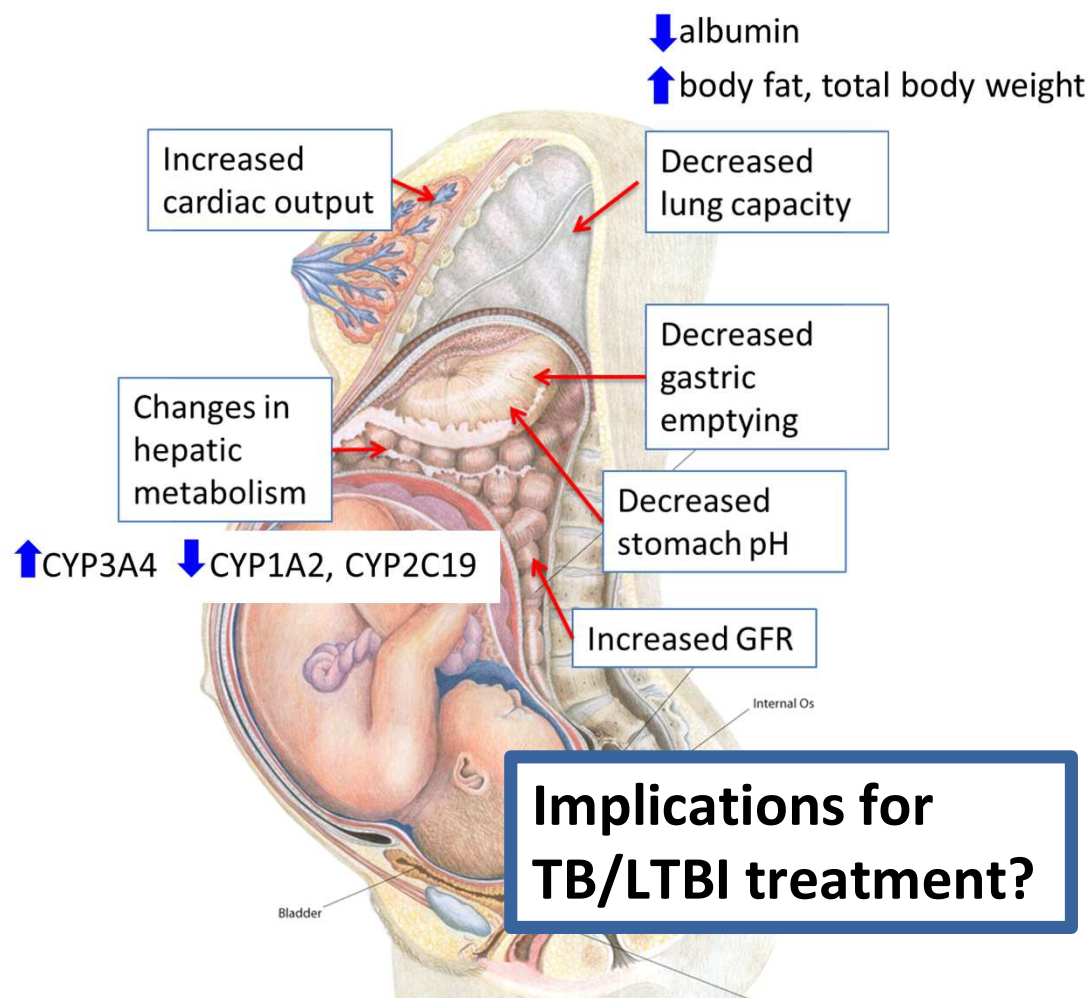
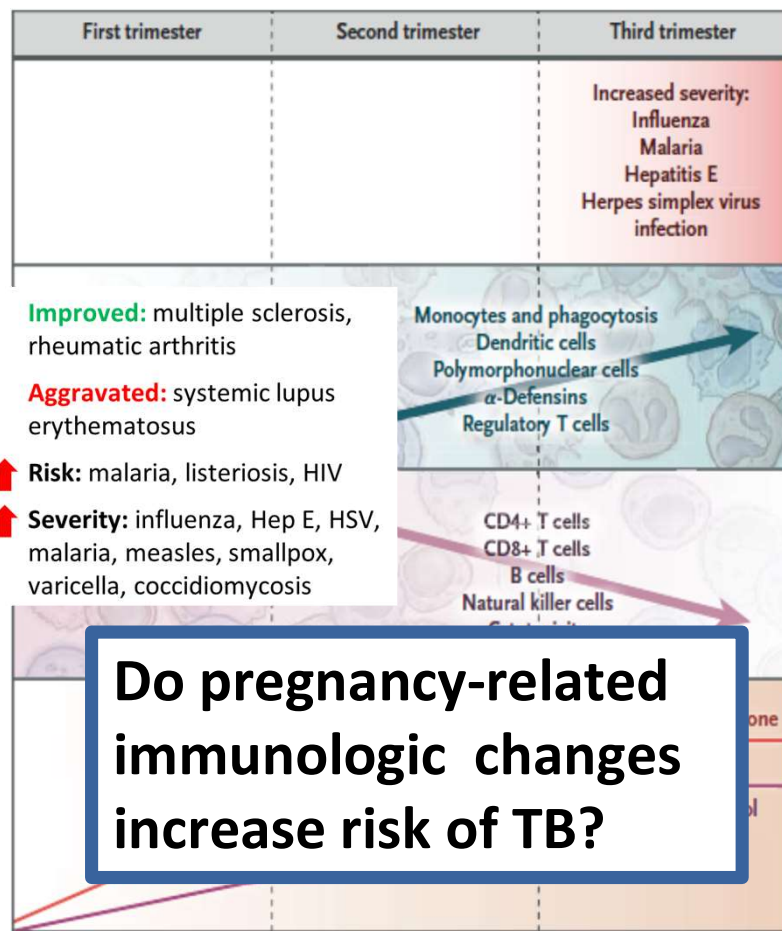
- In utero
  - Hematogenous dissemination via the umbilical vein
  - Aspiration/ingestion of infected amniotic fluid
- Intrapartum
  - Aspiration/ingestion of infected amniotic fluid or genital secretions
- Postpartum
  - Inhalation/ingestion of respiratory droplets from the mother
  - Ingestion of infected breast milk



**Does pregnancy or the postpartum period increase the risk of TB acquisition? reactivation? severity?**



# Pregnancy-related immunologic and physiologic changes

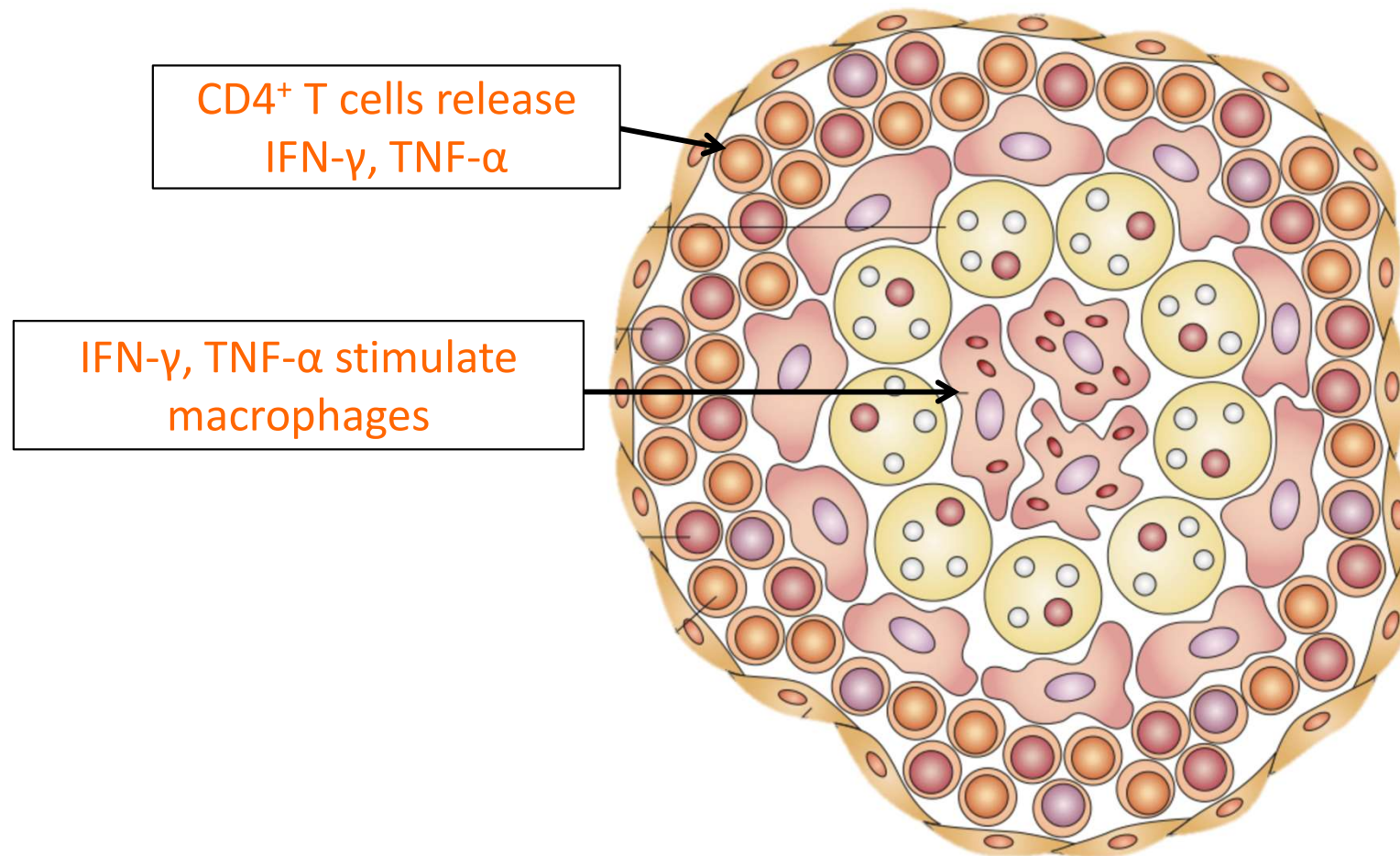


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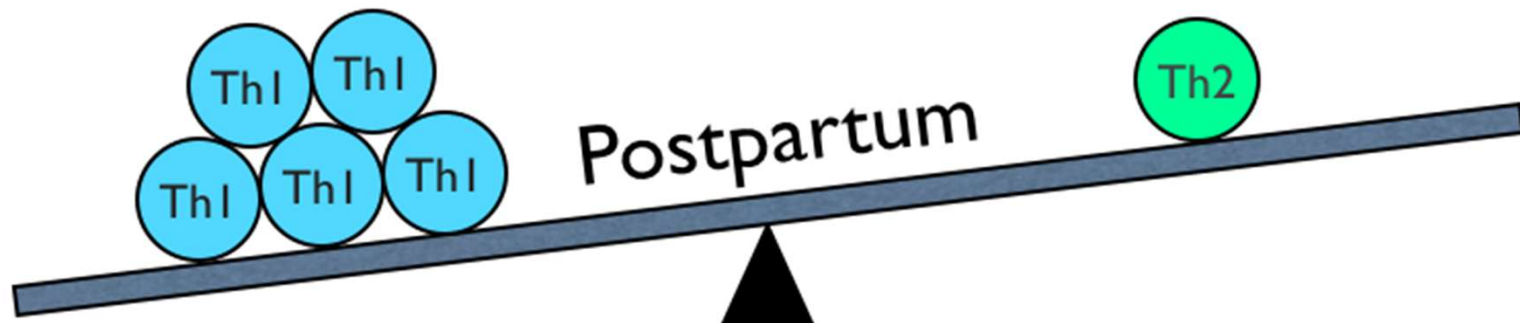
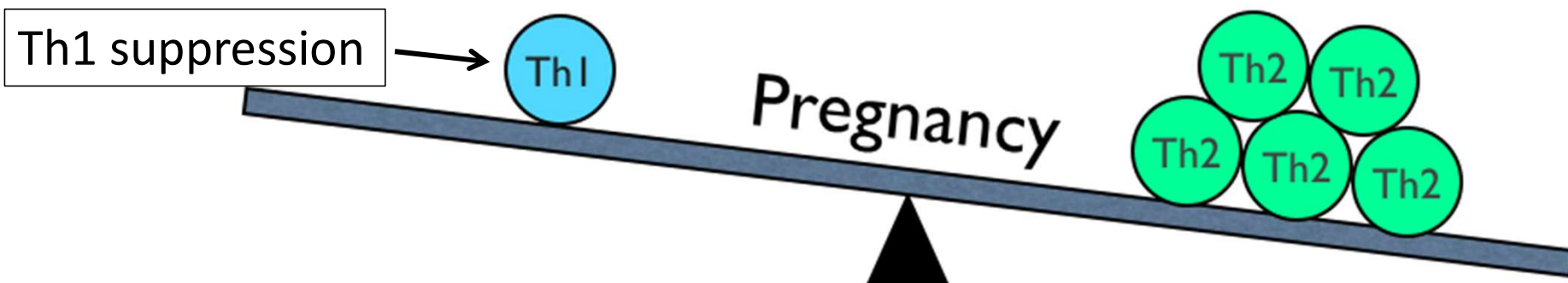
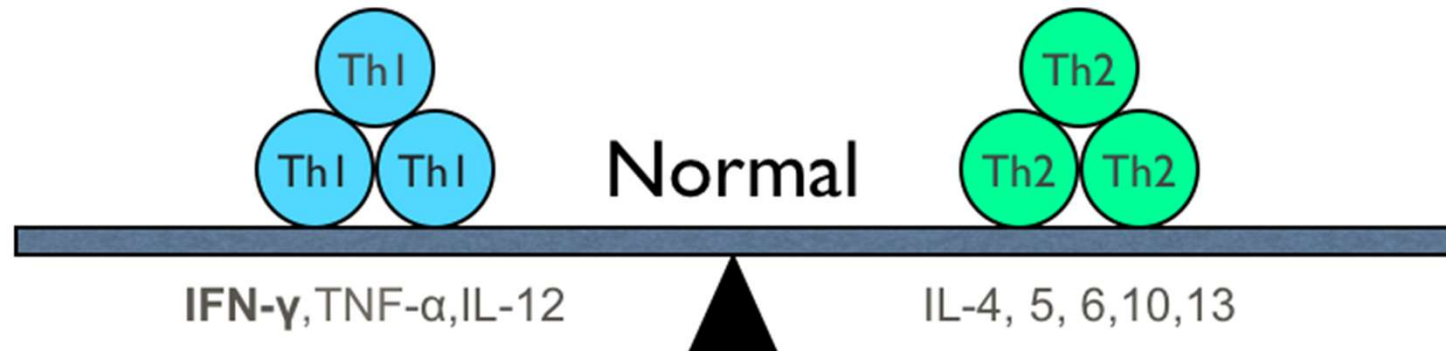
Anderson Clin PK 2005

# Immune control of TB needs Th1 cytokines



# Biological plausibility?

## Immunology of pregnancy & TB



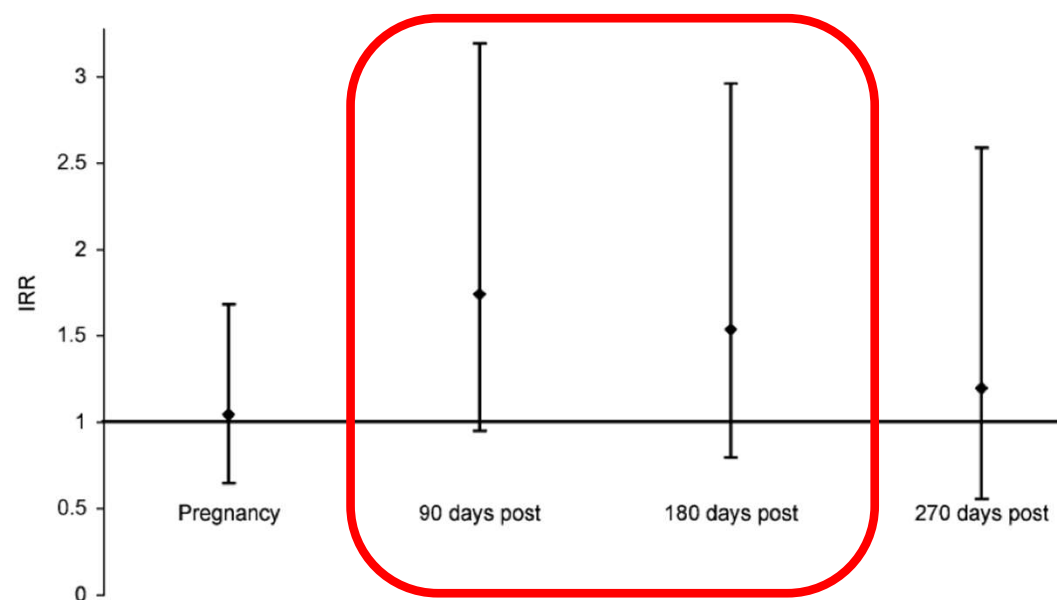
# Risk of TB in Pregnancy

## Impact on TB reactivation and severity debated

Clinical data limited and were not consistent or convincing

(*Good Am. J. Obstet. Gynecol* 1981, *Carter Chest* 1994, *Espinal* 1996; *Sterling* 2007)

	TB Events (n)	Person-Years	IR	95% CI (IR)	IRR	95% CI (IRR)	P Value
Outside of pregnancy*	133	1,459,203	9.11	7.63–10.8	1.00	Reference category	
During pregnancy	22	171,765	12.81	8.03–19.39	1.29	0.82–2.03	0.3
6 mo postpregnancy	22	114,866	19.15	12–29	1.95	1.24–3.07	0.004



**UK cohort: TB incidence 2x higher postpartum vs non-pregnancy times**



# India HIV-infected cohort of women

<10% on combination ART

Majority of cases occurred within  
120 days postpartum

Postpartum Tuberculosis Incidence and Mortality  
among HIV-Infected Women and Their Infants in  
Pune, India, 2002–2005

**Amita Gupta,<sup>1</sup> Uma Nayak,<sup>2</sup> Malathi Ram,<sup>2</sup> Ramesh Bhosale,<sup>3</sup> Sandesh Patil,<sup>3</sup> Anita Basavraj,<sup>3</sup> Arjun Kakrani,<sup>3</sup>  
Sheeja Philip,<sup>4</sup> Dipali Desai,<sup>3</sup> Jayagowri Sastry,<sup>4</sup> and Robert C. Bollinger,<sup>1,2</sup> for the Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Medical  
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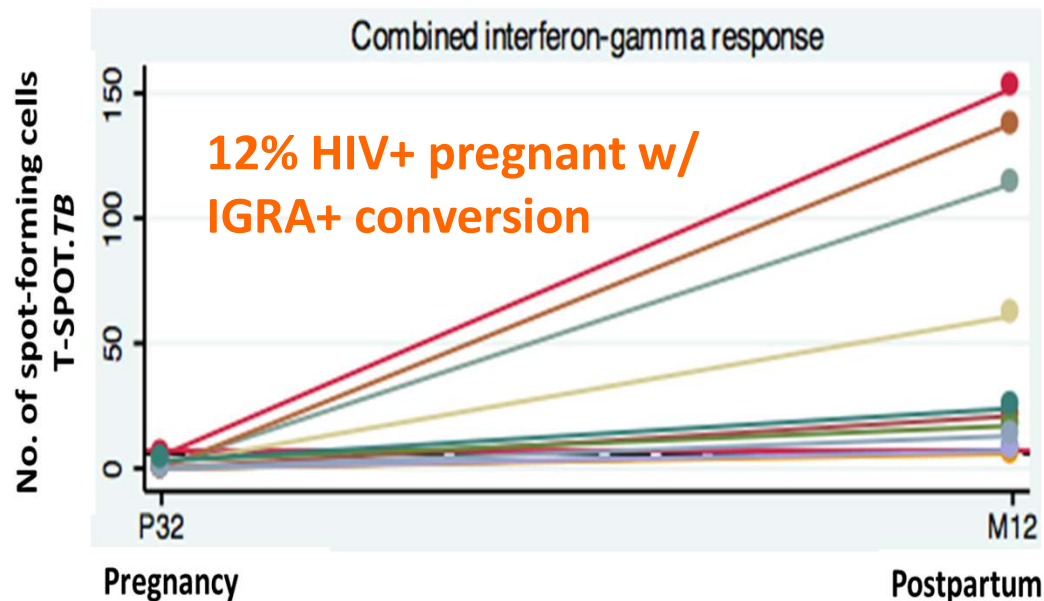
<sup>1</sup>Infectious Diseases, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and <sup>2</sup>Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland;  
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Study, Pune, India

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(See the editorial commentary by Mofenson and Laughon on pages 250–3)

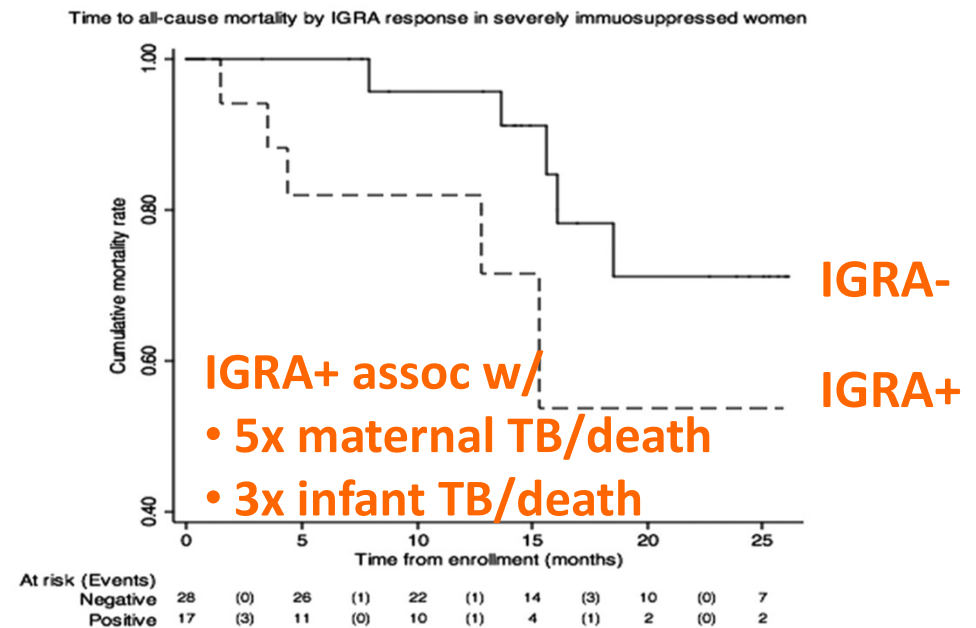
# Peripartum risk of MTB infection and disease progression

- Cohort Kenyan pregnant HIV+ women pre-ART roll-out



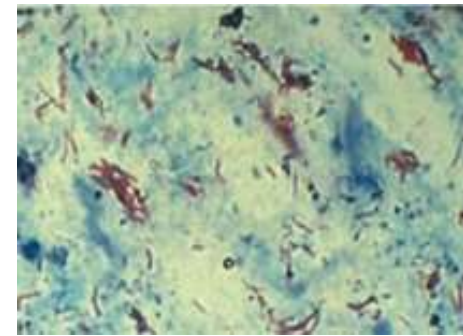
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Peripartum increased risk of Mtb infection?

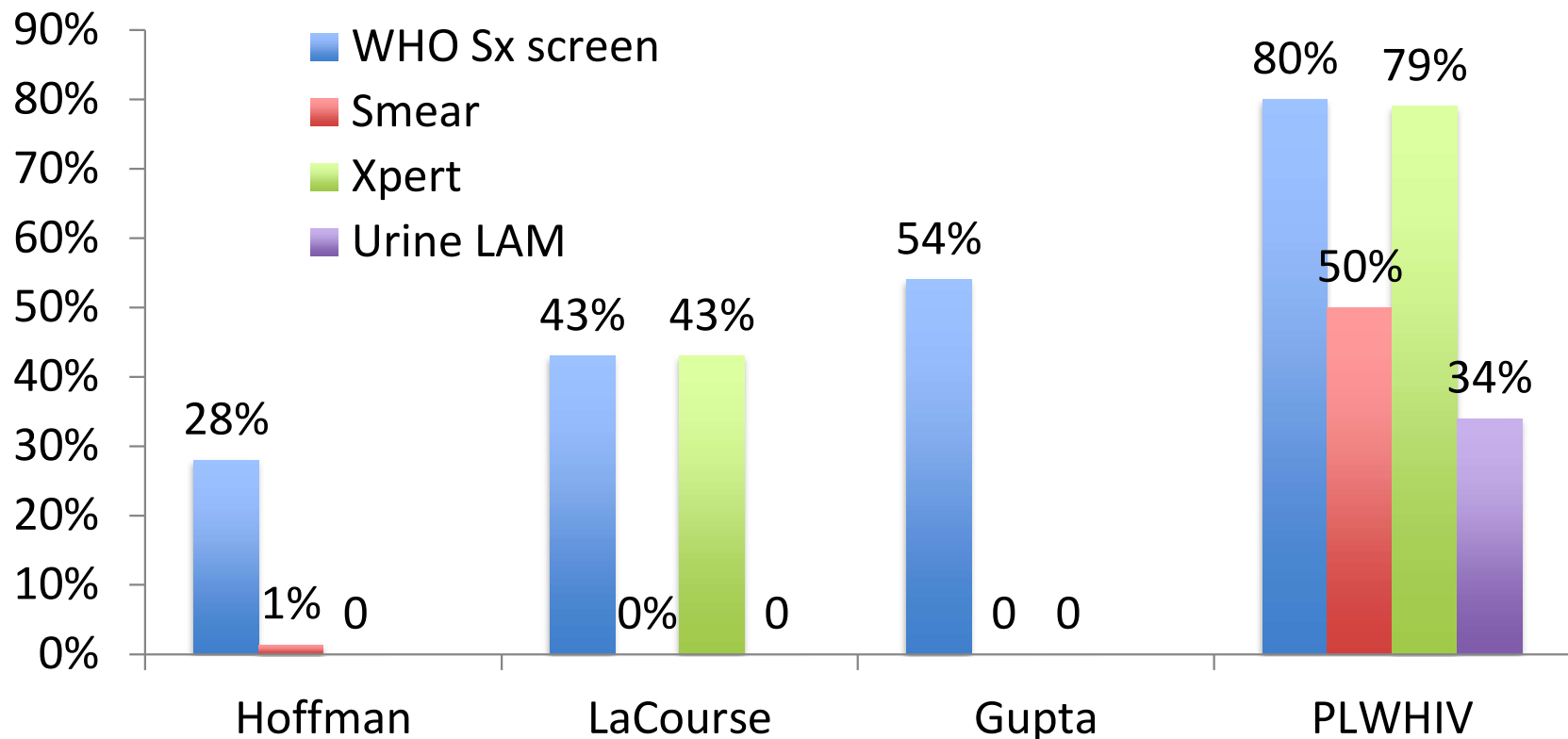


Peripartum increased risk of TB progression?

# Does pregnancy impact performance of screening for active disease or TB infection?



# TB diagnostic sensitivity of WHO 4-symptom screen in pregnancy



**At least one WHO 4-symptom in 9-19% of women**

**Compared to non-pregnant HIV-infected adults**

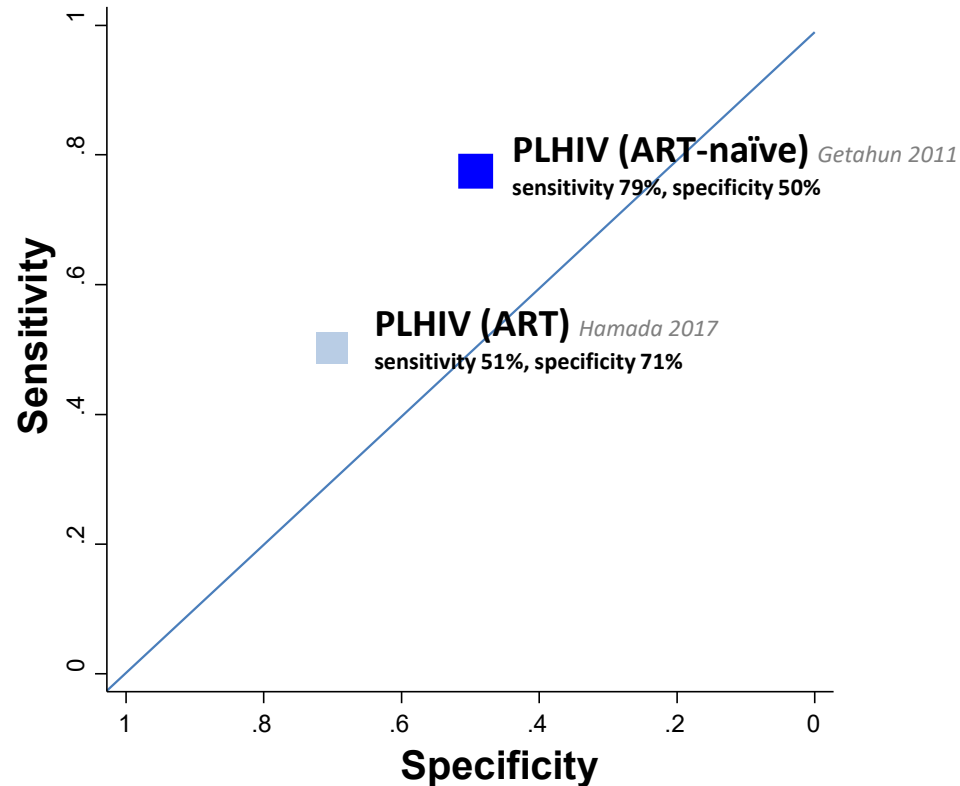
- Lower sensitivity observed but not clear if that is due to pregnancy alone
- High negative predictive value (NPV) BUT
- In some settings, high prevalence of undiagnosed asymptomatic TB



# TB symptom screening in pregnant PLHIV

WHO recommends routine TB screening for PLHIV (including pregnant women)

- Four-symptom screen: cough, fever, night sweats, weight loss

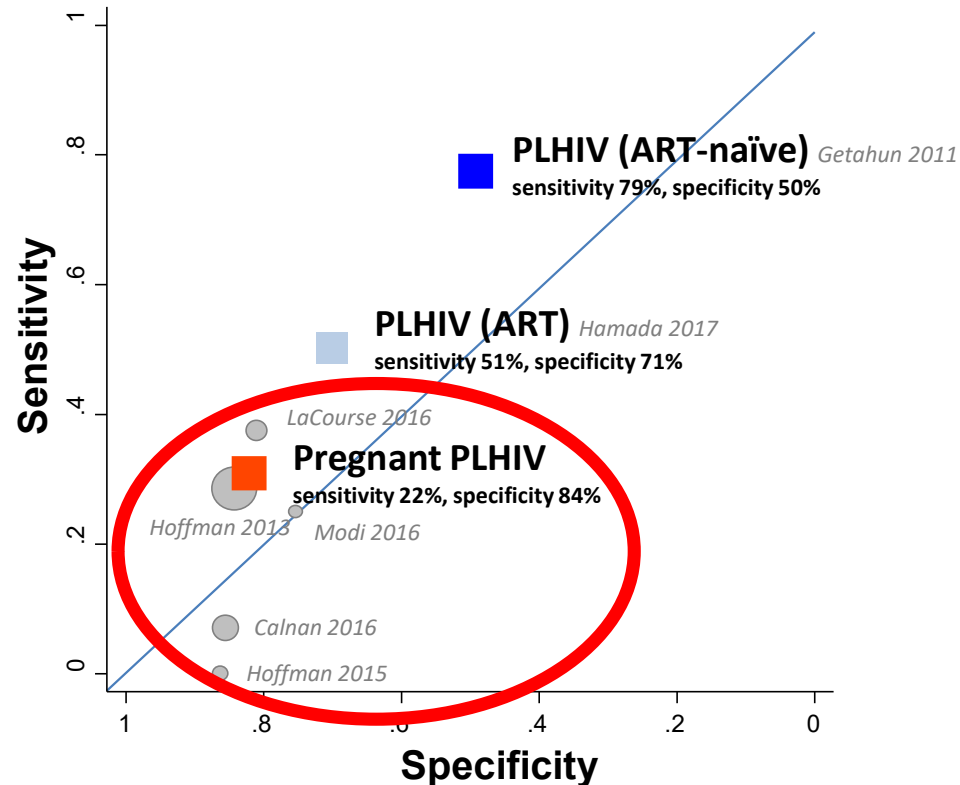


*LaCourse Cochrane (Protocol) 2018*

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How to improve TB screening in pregnant PLHIV?

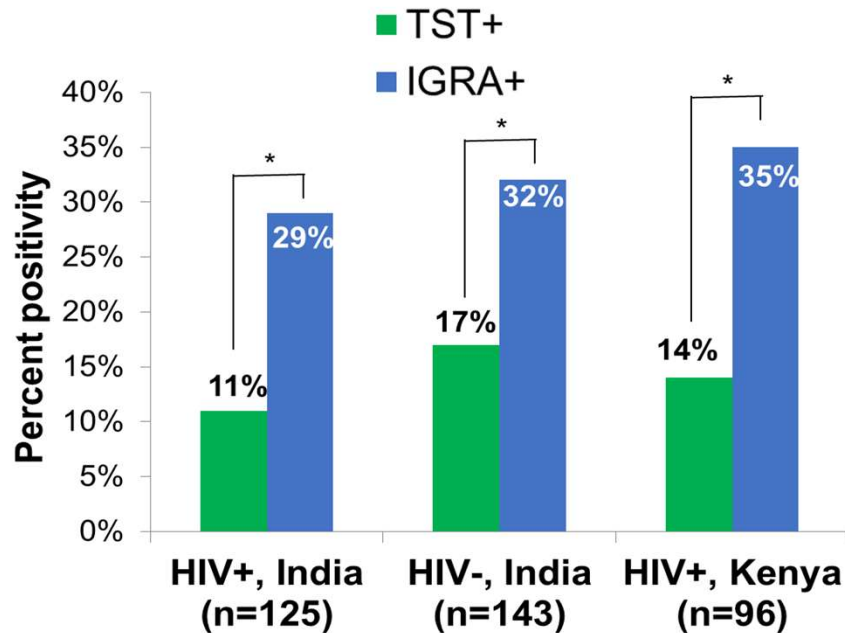
HOW ARE PERIPARTUM PLHIV SCREENED FOR TB IN YOUR SETTING?

# TB Infection (TBI) Screening

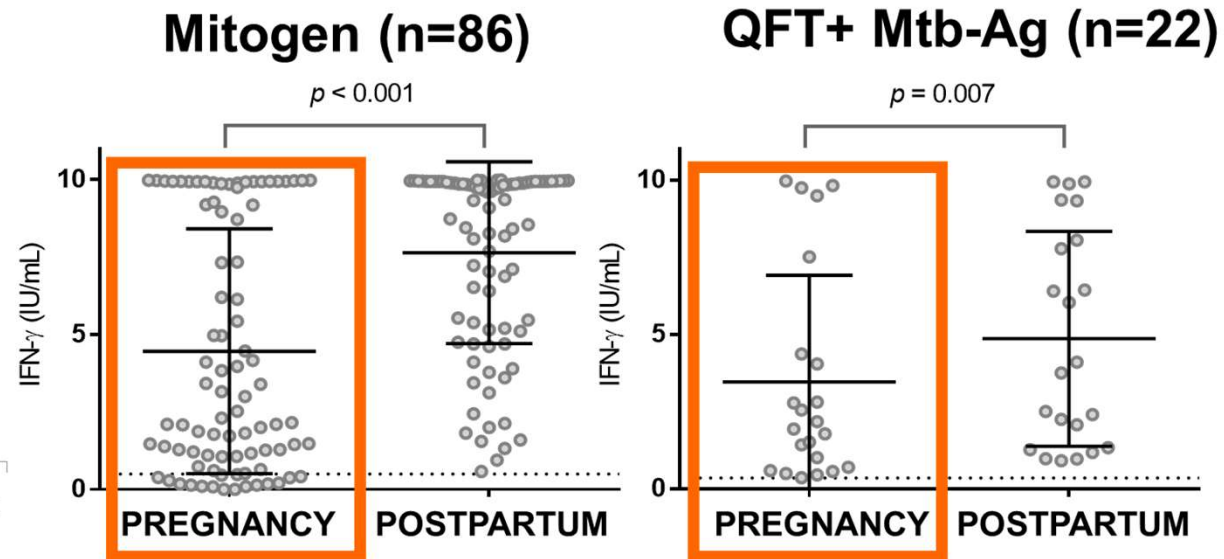
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- Goal of TB Infection (TBI) screening
  - Identify those at highest risk for reactivation disease
  - Target preventive therapy
- Implementation challenges
- Little attention paid to performance of TB diagnostics in pregnant/postpartum women
  - Tuberculin skin test (TST) and Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA)
- Mixed data
  - Two US studies of IGRA (Quantiferon) test positivity was lower than TST (older age, foreign birth associated with positivity) (*Worjohol et al Obstet Gynecol 2011; Chebab Kansas J Med 2010*)
  - India, more IGRA positive than TST and discordance QGIT+/TST- was higher (*Mathad, PLOS One 2014, Mathad AJRCMM 2016*)
- Positive IGRA predictive of active TB postpartum (*Jonalagadda JID 2010, IJTL*)

# Pregnancy impact on TBI test results?



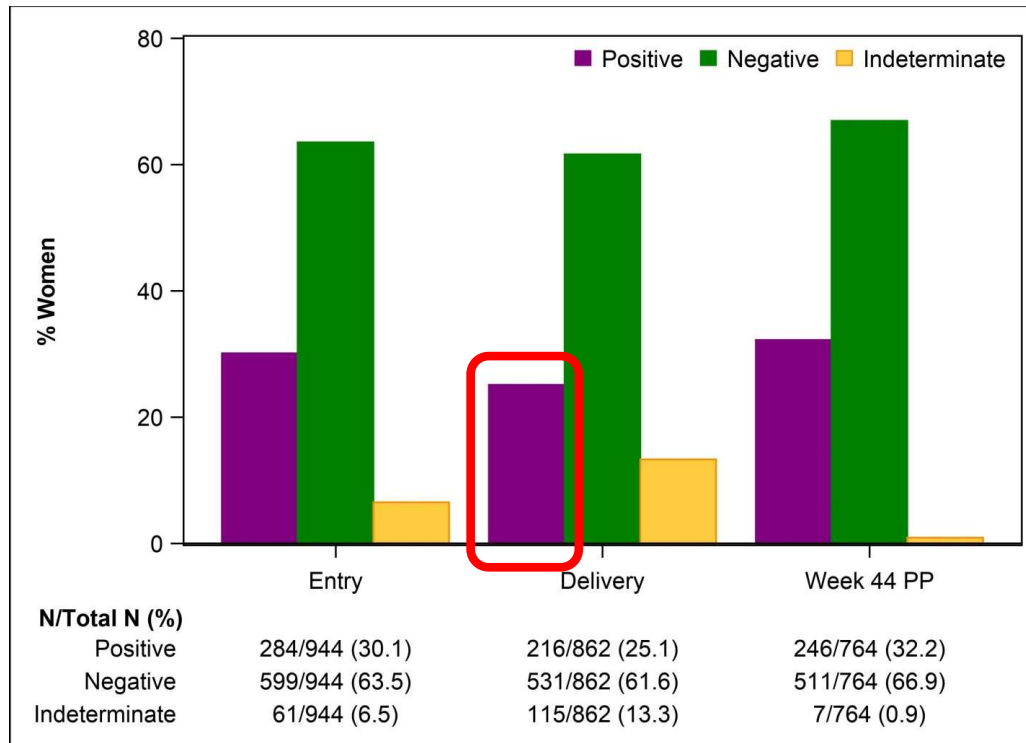
**QFT identified 2x more pregnant women with LTBI vs. TST**



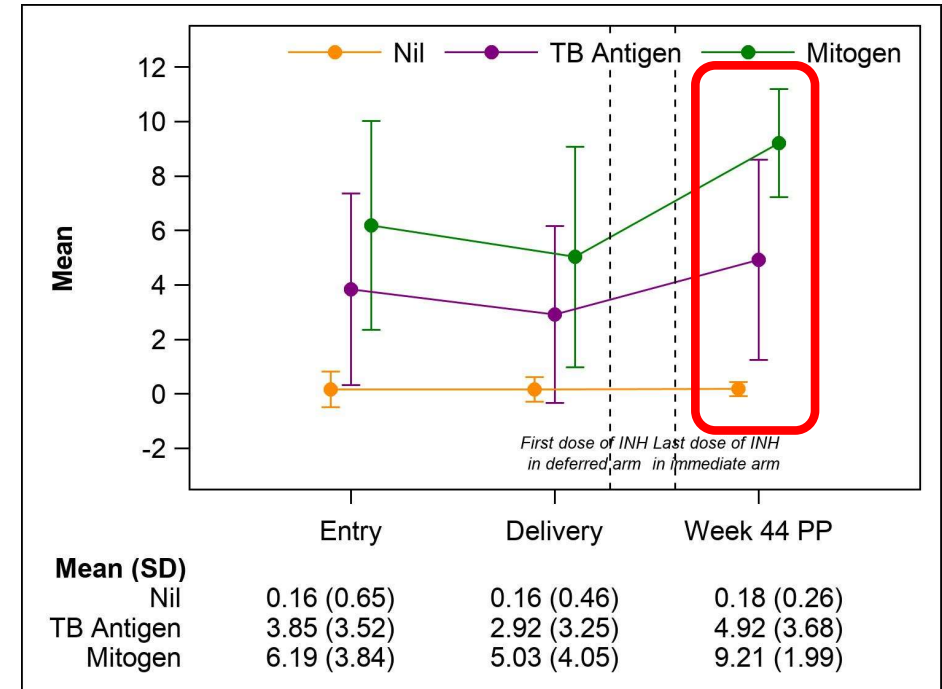
**Mean Mitogen and Mtb antigen lower in pregnancy vs. postpartum**

*Mathad AJRCCM 2016  
Mathad PLOS One 2014  
LaCourse JAIDS 2017*

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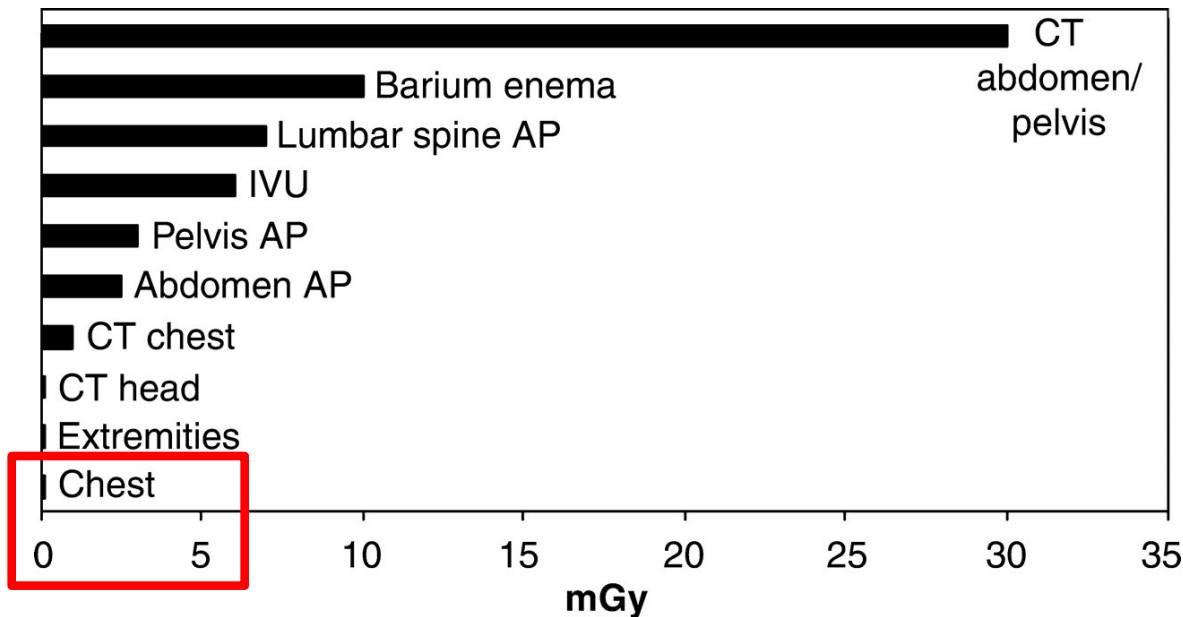


QFT-positivity significantly lower at delivery vs pregnancy ( $p < 0.001$ ) and higher postpartum ( $p = 0.04$ )



IFN $\gamma$  production in response to TB antigens and mitogen significantly increased postpartum vs pregnancy and/or delivery ( $p < 0.001$ )

# Shielded Chest Xray in Pregnancy?



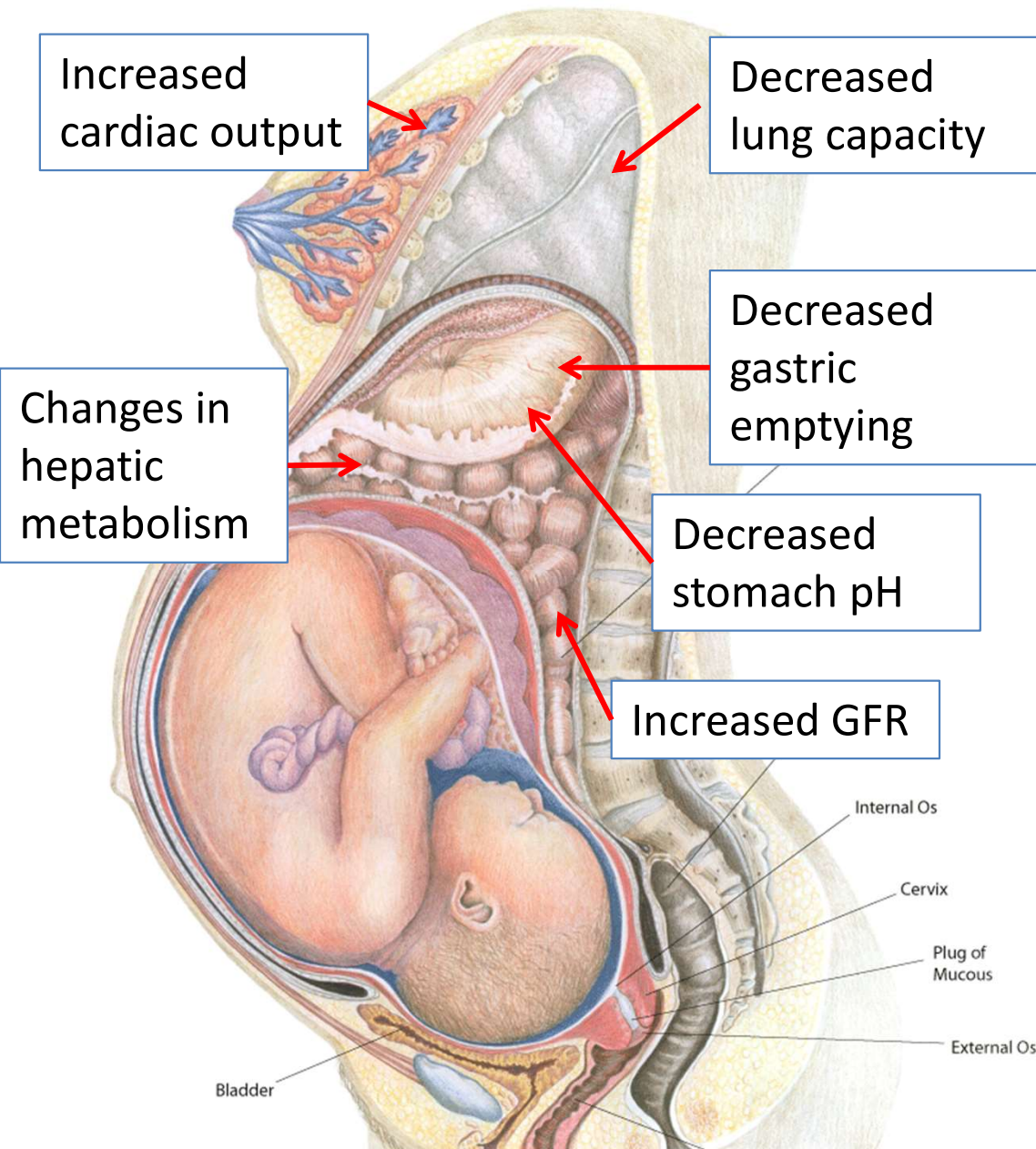
**Comparison of the estimated mean fetal absorbed dose from various radiographic and computed tomographic (CT) procedures<sup>1</sup>**

- ACOG<sup>2</sup>  
Xray exposure <5 rad (50 mGy) has not been associated with pregnancy loss or fetal anomalies

<sup>1</sup>Patel, S. J. et al. *Radiographics* 2007;27:1705-1722; <sup>2</sup>ACOG Committee Opinion No.299, *Obstet Gynecol* 2004

# **Does pregnancy impact TB treatment and prevention?**

# Physiology Changes of Pregnancy Can Significantly Impact Drug Metabolism, Safety and Efficacy



- Increased body fat
- Increased total body weight
- Decreased albumin
- Hepatic metabolism
  - Increased CYP3A4
  - Decreased CYP1A2 and CYP2C19

*Frederiksen, Sem Perinatol 2001;  
Anderson, Clin Pharmacokinetics 2005*



## FDA Pharmaceutical Pregnancy Categories

Category A	Adequate and well-controlled human studies demonstrate no risk.
Category B	Animal studies demonstrate no risk, but no human studies have been performed. OR Animal studies demonstrate a risk, but human studies have demonstrated no risk.
Category C	Animal studies demonstrate a risk, but no human studies have been performed. Potential benefits may outweigh the risks.
Category D	Human studies demonstrate a risk. Potential benefits may outweigh the risks.
Category X	Animal or human studies demonstrate a risk. The risks outweigh the potential benefits.

# First line drugs for TB in pregnancy

<u>Drug</u>	<u>FDA</u>	<u>Crosses placenta</u>	<u>Breast-feeding</u>	<u>Issues in pregnant women</u>
INH	C	Yes	Yes	Hepatotoxicity
Rifampin	C	Yes	Yes	Drug interactions with NVP, PIs, INSTIs, OCPs; may require Vit K
Rifabutin	B	Unknown	Unknown	Drug interactions with PIs, limited experience
EMB	B	Yes	Yes	
PZA	C	Unknown	Unknown	Different guidance

# Treatment of Pulmonary TB in Pregnancy

	Low Burden <sup>1</sup>	High Burden <sup>2</sup>
HIV negative	INH 5mg/kg/d x 9 mo RIF 10mg/kg/d x 9mo EMB wt-based x 2 mo B6 25mg/d x 9 mo	INH 5 mg/kg/d x 6 mo RIF 10 mg/kg/d x 6 mo EMB 15mg/kg/d x 2 mo PZA 25mg/kg/d x 2 mo B6 10-25mg/d x 6 mo
HIV positive	INH 300 mg/d x 6 mo RIF 600 mg/d x 6 mo EMB wt-based x 2mo PZA wt-based x 2 mo B6 25mg/d x 6 mo	INH 5 mg/kg/d x 6 mo RIF 10 mg/kg/d x 6 mo EMB 15mg/kg/d x 2 mo PZA 25mg/kg/d x 2 mo B6 10-25mg/d x 6 mo

**DIFFERENCE IN PZA guidance**

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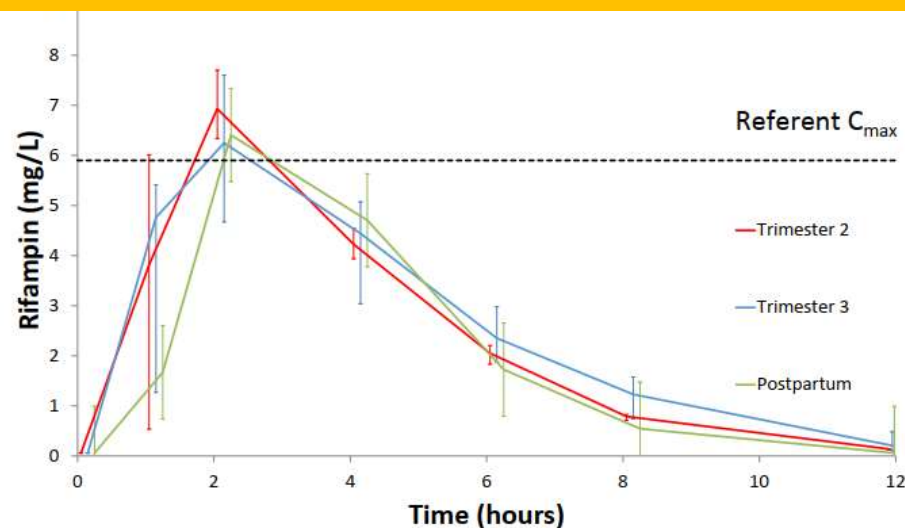
CDC encourages breastfeeding if no longer infectious; WHO once smear negative

1 CDC, ATS, IDSA guidelines

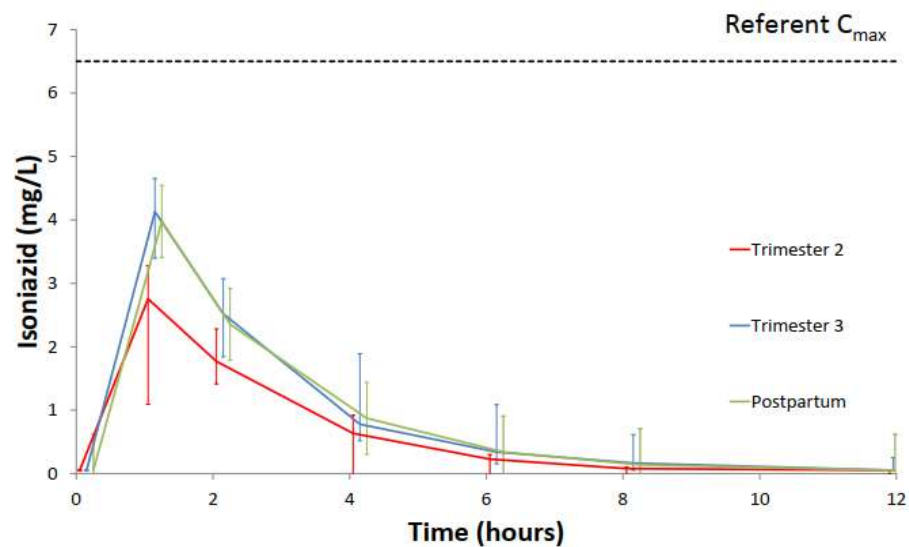
2 WHO, British thoracic Society, RNTCP and IUATLD guidelines

Treatment of EPTB involves same drugs but most experts recommend 9-12 mo for TBM (but include PZA plus steroids) or bone/joint

**Rifampin** concentrations in pregnancy compared well to non-pregnant concentrations.



**INH** exposure was below 25th percentile across all stages of pregnancy.



## Intensive PK study in IMPAACT P1026s n=11 women

“More data are needed on isoniazid and rifampin in pregnancy to make dosing recommendations”

# Other first line TB drugs

- Sparse PK at >36 weeks GA and 7 weeks postpartum
- N=21 prepartum/birth with 16 postpartum for INH
- N=15 prepartum/birth with 4 postpartum for EMB, PZA

**TABLE 3** Model-estimated secondary pharmacokinetic parameters<sup>a</sup>

Time period	C <sub>max</sub> (mg/liter) for:			AUC <sub>0-24</sub> (mg · h/liter) for:		
	Isoniazid	Pyrazinamide	Ethambutol	Isoniazid	Pyrazinamide	Ethambutol
Prepartum	1.39 (1.13–1.60)	35.9 (32.7–38.1)	1.82 (1.61–2.14)	6.88 (3.63–10.40)	419 (370–541)	16.5 (14.3–20.6)
Postpartum	1.43 (1.09–1.86)	34.5 (29.9–41.3)	2.11 (1.85–2.46)	5.01 (2.89–8.03)	407 (336–514)	19.0 (16.5–21.6)

<sup>a</sup>Data are given as medians (interquartile ranges). For INH, there were 21 (3 at birth) prepartum and 16 postpartum women; for PZA and EMB, there were 15 (2 at birth) prepartum and 4 postpartum women.

Very low INH levels in pregnancy and postpartum observed  
PZA, EMB no relevant changes in pregnancy  
SPARSE PK AND SMALL NUMBERS

# MDR TB Drugs and Pregnancy

Drug Name	FDA <sup>a</sup>	WHO Grouping <sup>b</sup>	Crosses Placenta (Cord: Maternal Ratio)	Fetal Toxicity	Breastfeeding Compatible <sup>b</sup>	Teratogenic in Reproductive Toxicity Studies	Additional Concerns in Pregnancy and Postpartum
Aminoglycosides							
Capreomycin	C	Not A–C	Yes	–	UD	Yes	–
Streptomycin	D	C	Yes	Ototoxicity, thrush, diarrhea	Yes (minimal passage)	No	–
Kanamycin	D	Not A–C	Yes	Ototoxicity	Yes (minimal passage)	No	–
Amikacin	D	C	Yes	Ototoxicity	UD	UD	–
Levofloxacin	C	A	Yes	Possible bone	Yes	No	–
Moxifloxacin	C	A	Yes	Possible bone	UD	No	–
Gatifloxacin	C	Not A–C	UD	Possible bone	UD	No	–
Ethionamide/prothionamide	C	C	UD	Developmental anomalies	UD	Yes	Developmental abnormalities in human case series
P-aminosalicylic acid	C	C	UD	Diarrhea	No	No	–
Cycloserine	C	B	UD	–	Yes	UD	Congenital sideroblastic anemia
Terizidone	–	B	UD	–	Yes	UD	–
Thioacetazone	–	Not A–C	UD	–	UD	UD	–
Clofazimine	C	B	UD	Reversible skin pigmentation	UD	No	–
Clarithromycin	C	Not A–C	Yes (0.15)	–	UD	No	–
Amoxicillin-clavulanic acid	B	Not A–C	Yes (0.56)	Necrotizing enterocolitis, transaminitis	UD	No	–
Linezolid	C	A	UD	–	UD	No	Case report of reduced PK in pregnancy
Imipenem/meropenem	C	C	UD	–	UD	No	–
High-dose isoniazid	C	Not A–C	Yes (0.73)	CNS defects	UD	No	Possible hepatotoxicity
Bedaquiline	B	A	UD	–	UD	No	Drug accumulation in tissues
Delamanid	Not approved <sup>c</sup>	C	UD	–	UD	Yes	Embryofetal toxicity at maternally toxic doses in rabbits; breast milk concentration 4× higher than blood in rats

UD= Undetermined

Gupta A et al. PLOS Med 2019

# MDR TB in pregnancy

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- **Treatment guidelines similar to non-pregnant adults**
  - Individualized treatment vs public health approach
  - At least 5 active agents
  - Favor injectable after delivery
  - Lactation little to no data so often not recommended
- **>60 published case reports** (*Gach 1999; Shin 2003; Nitta 1999; Lessnau 2003; Tabarsi 2007; Khan 2007; Palacios 2009; Toro 2011, Rohilla 2016*)
  - 3 case series describes 4 cases HIV+ (*Khan 2007; Palacios 2009, Toro 2011*)
  - US, Italy, Peru, Iran, South Africa
  - 1 case in France: bedaqualline and linezolid in XDR (*Jaspard EID 2017*)
- **Regimens:** variable
- **Outcomes:** case series suggest treatment success possible

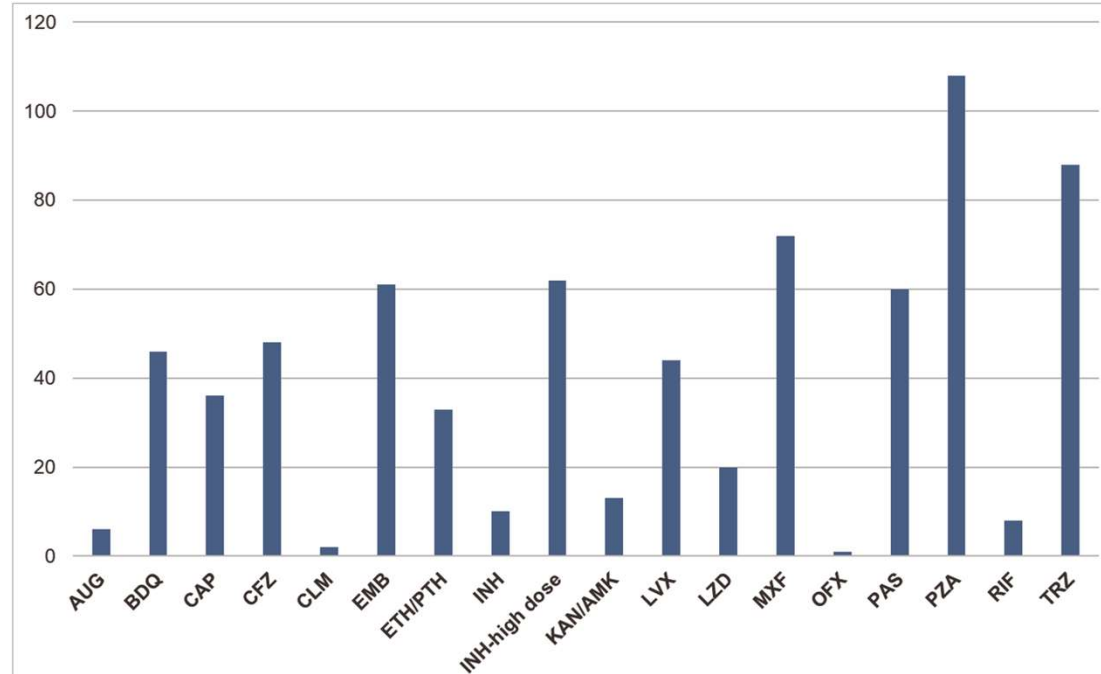


# Maternal and infant outcomes in pregnant women with MDR/RR-TB in South Africa (2013 – 2018)

**Methods:** Descriptive cohort analysis

- A record review to document treatment & pregnancy outcomes;
- An observational clinical assessment at 2, 6 and 12 months, to document infant outcomes.

	N=108
Pre-XDR/XDR	25 (23%)
HIV+	88 (81%)
CD4, median	353
MDR TB Rx initiation pre-conception	
1st trimester	20 (18%)
2nd trimester	19 (18%)
3 <sup>rd</sup> trimester	42 (39%)
	28 (26%)



Loveday CID 2020

# MDR/RR TB in Pregnancy Outcomes

Outcome	N (%)
Unfavorable maternal treatment outcome, n=108	36 (33%)
Unfavorable pregnancy outcomes, n=109	52 (48%)
Fetal deaths	10 (9%)
Preterm	28 (28%)
Low Birth weight	33 (35%)
Unfavorable infant outcome, n=86	14 (16%)

	BDQ, n=58	No BDQ, n=50
Unfavorable treatment outcome	17 (29%)	19 (38%)
Fetal death	4 (8%)	6 (10%)
Preterm birth	13 (29%)	15 (28%)
<b>Low birth weight</b>	<b>20 (45%)</b>	<b>13 (26%), p=0/03</b>
Unfavorable infant outcome at 12 months	5 (12%)	9 (20%)

# Breastfeeding during TB treatment in pregnancy

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- Breastfeeding encouraged once non-infectious on first-line agents
- Concentration of TB meds in breastmilk typically found in small concentrations
  - Non-toxic to infant
  - Not effective treatment for infant

# **Treatment as Prevention: The Case for TB Infection (TBI) Treatment in Pregnancy**

# PROPHYLACTIC ISONIAZID

## PROTECTION OF INFANTS IN A TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

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Some of our mothers with their babies.

Faced with this appalling mortality-rate and encouraged by reports on isoniazid as a prophylactic against tuberculosis in guineapigs, we decided to keep all babies born in hospital with their mothers and to give them isoniazid as prophylactic.

### Treatment

The child is kept in a crib by the mother's bedside, and from birth to six months is given 25 mg. of isoniazid in a syrup twice daily. After six months the dose is increased

### *The Mothers*

53 of the mothers had been treated for six to nine months before they were delivered. 22 of them had had less than three months' treatment; 36 of them had advanced disease at the time of the confinement, and 49 of them had positive sputum. 1 woman with very little functioning lung tissue died of cor pulmonale four weeks after delivery. 1, who had hæmoptysis before labour, died of hæmorrhage three weeks later.

Apart from these 2 deaths, there was no evidence of deterioration after pregnancy or during lactation. The disease appeared to behave as would have been expected in women who were not pregnant. Nearly all continued to improve. A few of the chronic cases remained unchanged.

All but 6 of these women breast-fed their children. 3 of those with chronic extensive disease had not enough milk, but begged to be allowed to feed with complements of dried milk. 4 children were weaned because the mothers did not wish to feed. 1 woman had had severe toxæmia of pregnancy, and 1 had puerperal psychosis.

### Discussion

While it is always desirable, where possible, to keep a mother and child together, in a backward community this is life-saving. The mothers who have their children with them are the most contented among our patients, and the babies are beautiful thriving children.

From our three years' experience, it seems that isoniazid

# TBI testing and treatment in pregnancy

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- Pregnancy itself not indication for TBI testing
- A decision to test, is a decision to treat... but timing of treatment depends on risk
  - Women **at risk** for progression from TBI -> TB (HIV+, recent converter, recent TB contact)
    - Recommend to treat now even in first trimester
  - Women with **lower risk** of TB
    - Recommend to wait until after delivery or 3 months postpartum due to concerns for hepatotoxicity
- TBI diagnostic cut-offs are same for non-pregnant

# Hepatotoxicity and INH in pregnancy

- 3681 women who initiated INH *Franks Public Health Reports 1989*
  - 5 pregnant women developed hepatitis, 2 died
- 20 INH-associated deaths in California *Moulding Am Rev Resp Disease 1989*
  - 4 initiated INH in pregnancy
- IPT implementation in HIV+ pregnant women in Lesotho *Tiam JAIDS 2014*
  - 124 women who initiated IPT, none reported side effects
  - 3/99 mildly elev ALT--> 0/20 repeat LFT testing without significant elevation

**Concern initially based primarily on US-based retrospective studies**

**In implementation studies in pregnant PLHIV appeared safe**



# Guidelines for Preventive TB Treatment in Pregnant Women

	Low Burden (US CDC)	High Burden (WHO)
Regimen <i>Preferred</i>	INH 300mg/ <b>daily</b> x 9 mo OR INH 900mg <b>twice weekly</b> x 9 mo <b>Administer INH w/ pyridoxine (vit B6) 10-25mg to pregnant women and their breastfeeding infants</b>	INH 300mg/d x 6 or 36 mo B6 10-25mg/d x 6 or 36 mo
<i>Alternative</i>	Rifampin 600mg daily x 4 months	Rifampin 600mg daily x 4 months
HIV-negative	Defer for TST+ or IGRA+ until 2-3 mo postpartum unless known recent TB contact	No recommendations

## Monitoring:

- **Baseline LFTs**
- **Routine monitoring for signs/symptoms of possible adverse effects**

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Drug(s)	Trial Name	NCT Number	Arms	Ph	N	Group	Comments
High-dose Rifapentine - P - RPT							
RIFAQUIN		ISRCTN44153044	2MRZE/2M <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> 900 v. 2MRZE/4M <sub>1</sub> P <sub>1</sub> 1200 v. 2HRZE/4RH	III	1095	MRC/UK, EDCTP	Results CROI Mar 2013
FDA Cape Town Trial		NCT00814671	2P <sub>2</sub> (600 v. 450 mg) HZE v. 2HRZE	II	153	JHU (Dorman)	Results May 2013

>40 trials listed here that are planned, ongoing or recently completed

At least 8 are Phase III trials

All exclude pregnant women

More than 13 trials of preventive therapy in HIV-infected adults

INH for 6, 9, 12, 36 months

INH+ rifampin

INH+ rifapentine

INH+ ART

All excluded pregnant women

*Akolo Cochrane metanalysis 2010; Sterling NEJM 2011;*

*Martinson NEJM 2011; Samandari Lancet 2011; Rangaka Lancet ID 2014*

AZD-5847 (Astra Zeneca)							
n/a		NCT01516203	2 wk EBA 500 qd, 500 bld, 1200 qd, 800 bld v. RHZE	EBA	75	NIAID/DMID (Diacon)	Enrolling

# Ethical and Scientific Foundation of Inclusion of Pregnant Women Into Clinical Trials of TB Therapeutics

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- Women need effective treatment during pregnancy
- Most compelling reason: gather evidence under rigorous scientific conditions
- Safety signals can be more readily interpreted when detected in study setting
- Fetal safety
  - need data on fetal safety
  - inadequately treated mother compromises fetal well being
- Reticence to prescribe needed medications: the cost of uncertainty
- Issues of justice and access to the benefits of research participation

*Lyerly AD, Little MO, Faden R. The second wave: Towards responsible inclusion of pregnant women in research. Int J Fem Approaches Bioeth, 2008. Slide adapted from Karen Feibus and Sara Goldkind, US FDA*

# NIH and WHO sponsored workshops

*Clinical Infectious Diseases*

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## Toward Earlier Inclusion of Pregnant and Postpartum Women in Tuberculosis Drug Trials: Consensus Statements From an International Expert Panel

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# Summary of Expert Consensus Statements

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- Pregnant/postpartum women should be eligible for Phase III MDR TB trials unless there is a compelling reason for exclusion
- Drug companies should be encouraged to complete reproductive toxicity studies before beginning Phase III
- Trials of shortened treatment regimens for LTBI should be designed to improve completion rates, reduce risk of progression in pregnancy/postpartum
- Targeted PK studies should be nested in all studies when evidence is lacking
- Pregnancy registry should be created to accumulate data on maternal-infant outcomes

# Pregnancy and Infant Outcomes in TBI Tx Trials

## TB prevention in PLHIV (3HP vs. 3HR vs. 6H) Martinson NEJM 2011

- 235 pregnancies during treatment or f/u
- 26 women became pregnant on INH
- 10 chose to continue, no toxicities

**LTBI tx exposure in pregnancy not assoc with toxicity**

## PREVENT TB or iAdhere trials (3HP vs. 9H) analyses ATS 2018

- 126 pregnancies during treatment or f/u
- 87 exposed to study drug
- Fetal loss similar 3HP (3%) vs 9H (4%) (all <20 weeks)
- Congenital anomalies similar 3HP (3%) vs 9H (4%)

**Fetal loss/congenital anomalies similar between arms and baseline US estimates**

## BOTUSA (6 vs. 9H) OBGYN 2013

- 196 pregnancies during treatment or f/u
- 103 exposed to INH during pregnancy
- IPT exposure during pregnancy not assoc with adverse pregnancy outcomes aOR 0.6 95%CI 0.3-1.1

**Long-term INH + ART not assoc with adverse pregnancy outcomes**

**All secondary analyses of LTBI treatment trials**



# Inclusion of Peripartum Women in Clinical Trials

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## TAG

Treatment Action Group

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### ARE YOU INCLUDING PERIPARTUM WOMEN IN YOUR RESEARCH?

## Webinar: It's Time to Deliver - Including Pregnant and Lactating Women in Clinical Research

http://www.treatmentactiongroup.org

### Pharmacologic — Time to Get

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Health research throughout the lifespan

## Task Force on Research Specific to Pregnant Women and Lactating Women (PRGLAC)



The 21st Century Cures Act established PRGLAC to advise the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) regarding gaps in knowledge and research on safe and effective therapies for pregnant women and lactating women. PRGLAC was tasked with identifying these gaps and reporting its findings back to the Secretary.

<https://www.nichd.nih.gov/About/Advisory/PRGLAC>



Infectious Diseases Society of America

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### Fair inclusion of pregnant women in clinical trials: an integrated scientific and ethical approach

van der Graaf et al. *Trials* (2018) 19:78  
DOI 10.1186/s13063-017-2402-9



The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE PHYSICIANS

## COMMITTEE OPINION

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Committee on Ethics  
The American Academy of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
This document represents a viewpoint of the Committee on Ethics, approved by the Committee on Ethics.

**"Pregnant women in research trials should be defined as 'scientifically complex' rather than a 'vulnerable' population."**

### Ethical Considerations for Including Women as Research Participants

VIEWPOINT

## Increasing the Participation of Pregnant Women in Clinical Trials

JAMA November 27, 2018 Volume 320, Number 20

Preventing pregnant women from participating in clinical trials is well intentioned but misguided. Pregnant women are a "vulnerable" population in research due to their unique physiological and social circumstances. An evaluation demonstrated a 67.5% reduction in vertical transmission in the zidovudine group compared with the placebo group, without increasing long-term sequelae in their children.

**"Of 213 new pharmaceuticals receiving FDA approval 2003-2012, only 5% included any data from pregnant women."**

Katrina Heyrana, MD, PhD  
National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland; and now with Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York.



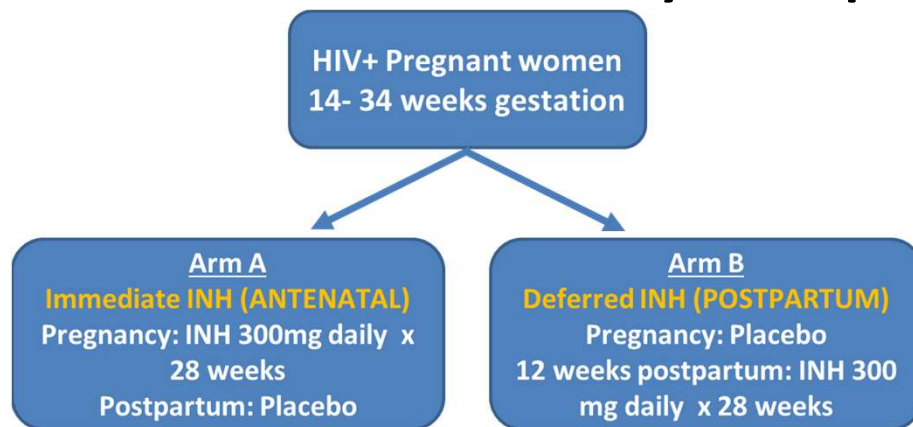
# TBI/TB treatment in pregnancy trials

- P1078: phase IV RCT to evaluate the safety of antepartum versus postpartum 6H among HIV-infected women **COMPLETED**
- P2001: Phase I/II PK and tolerability of 3HP in HIV-infected and HIV-uninfected pregnant and postpartum women **COMPLETED**
- P2026: Phase IV prospective PK study of 1<sup>st</sup> line ARVs and TB drugs in HIV-infected pregnant and postpartum women **ONGOING**
- 1HP vs 3HP in pregnancy UNITAID protocol **IN DEVELOPMENT**

# TB APPRISE (P1078)

## Antenatal vs. Postpartum 6H in PLHIV

1<sup>st</sup> trial to evaluate safety of TB preventive therapy in pregnant PLHIV



End of follow-up: 48 weeks postpartum

**Primary Endpoints:** Maternal Grade  $\geq 3$  AE, drug discontinuation 2<sup>o</sup> toxicity

**Secondary Endpoints:**

Maternal: hepatotoxicity, TB, death

Infant: Grade  $\geq 3$  AE, TB, death

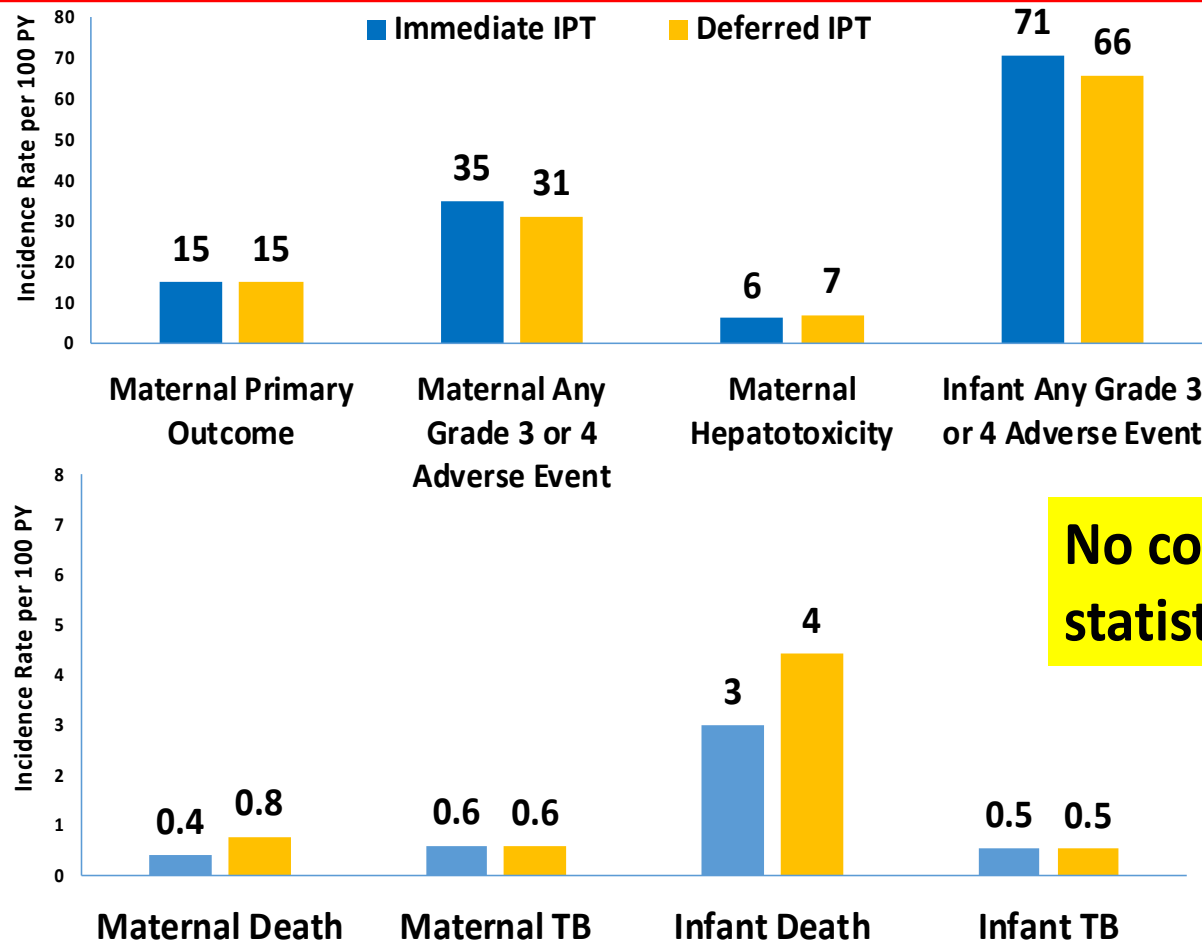
Pregnancy outcomes

Safety antenatal INH  
non-inferior to postpartum

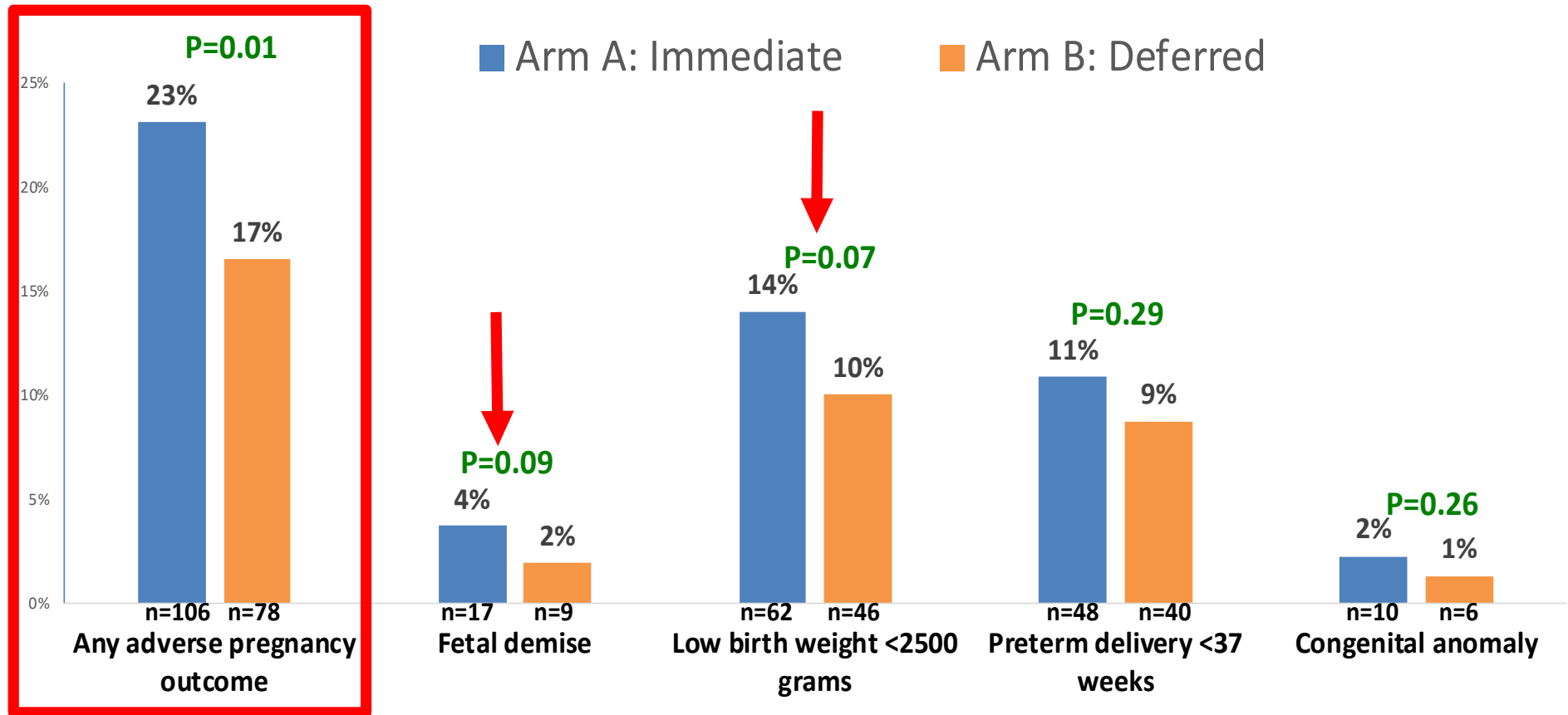
Postpartum hepatotoxicity higher  
than expected (but similar) in both  
arms

Antenatal INH: increased adverse  
pregnancy outcomes (fetal demise, LBW)  
*Signal with earlier gestation initiation*

# No differences in Maternal or Live-born Infant Safety, TB or Death Rates by Study Arm

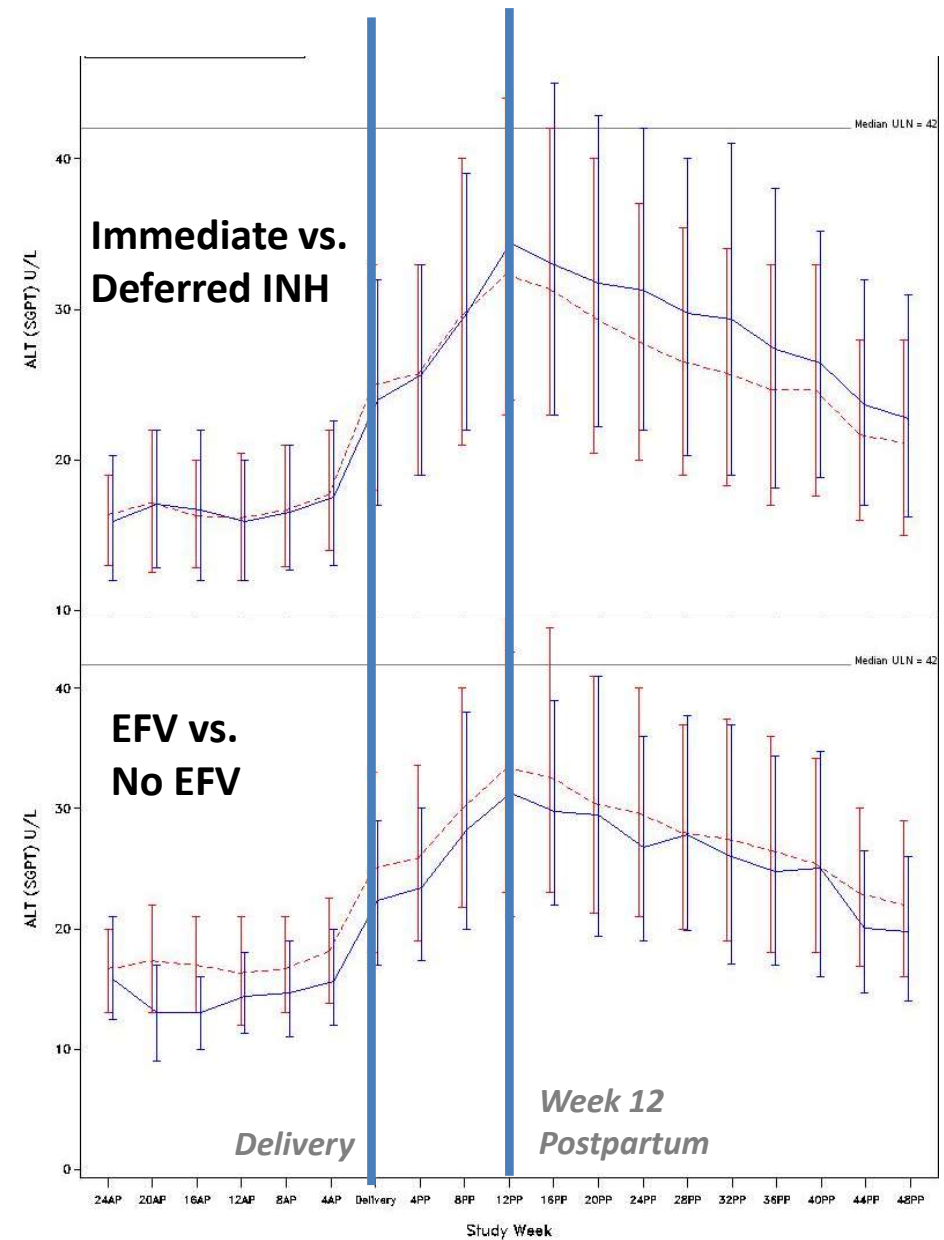


# But there were more Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes in the Immediate IPT arm



# Median ALT by INH Arm and EFV Regimens

Higher LFTs after delivery in both arms  
*No difference by INH arm or ART regimen*

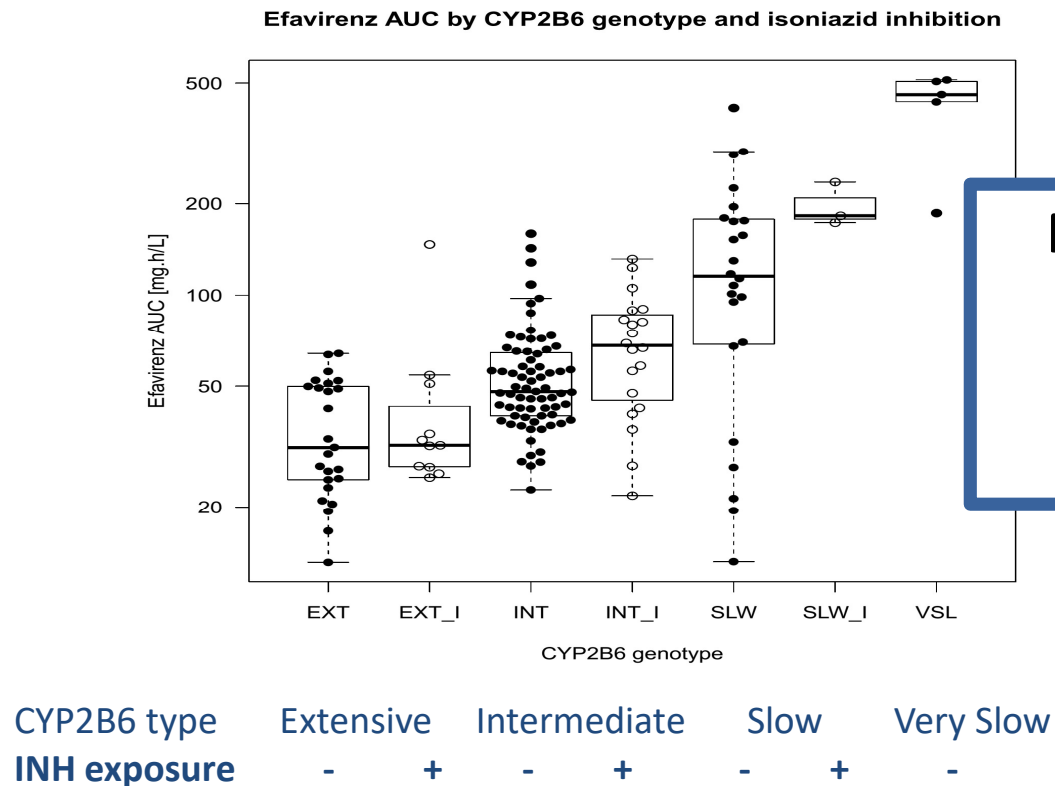


# Maternal Deaths, n=6

4 deaths due to hepatotoxicity, 2 deaths related to INH and 2 not (? Efavirenz or other culprit)

	Immediate IPT		Deferred IPT			
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Location	Zimbabwe	Botswana	Zimbabwe	Tanzania	Tanzania	Tanzania
Age (yrs)	34	38	27	35	24	33
CD4	459	469	402	609	431	553
GA at entry (weeks)	33	21	31	26	26	30
Postpartum (PP) week at death	12 weeks	40 weeks	5 weeks	19 weeks	7.5 weeks	5.5 weeks
Time on INH	13 weeks (4 AP & 9 PP)	28 weeks (20 AP, 8 PP)	Never started	1 week PP	Never started	Never started
ART regimen initiated	TDF/3TC/EFV Started 1 week prior to entry	TDF/FTC/EFV Started 2.5 years prior to entry	TDF/3TC/EFV for 4 months prior to entry	TDF/3TC/EFV+ COT 14 months prior to entry	TDF/3TC/EFV started 3 weeks before entry	TDF/3TC/EFV started 1 month before entry
Death cause	Fulminant hepatitis Related	Bacterial sepsis Not related	Fulminant hepatitis Not related	Fulminant hepatitis Related	Hepatitis Not related	Pneumonia Not related

# PK: EFV AUC by CYP2B6 Genotype and INH Exposure in HIV+ Pregnant Women



**Among slow CYP2B6 metabolizers INH associated with higher EFV Cmin values especially among those with slow NAT 2 genotypes**



# The safety of isoniazid tuberculosis preventive treatment in pregnant and postpartum women: systematic review and meta-analysis

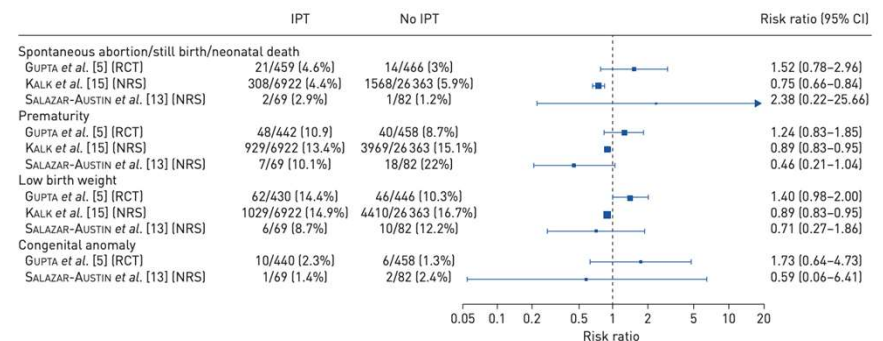
Hamada et al ERJ 2020

TABLE 3 Maternal deaths in pregnant women living with HIV

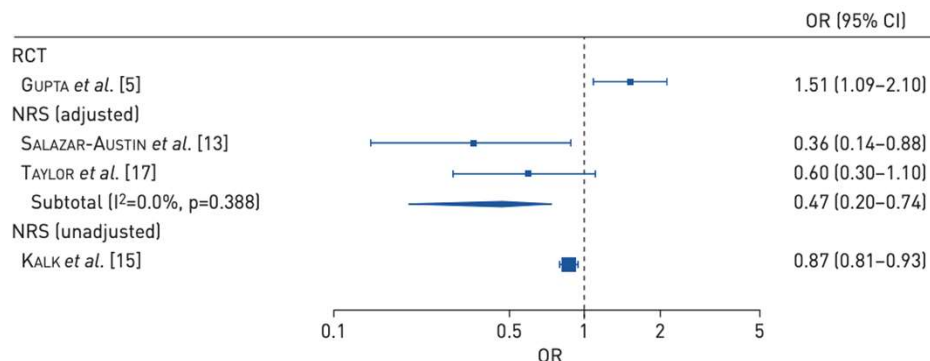
Study	IPT	Control	Risk ratio (95% CI)
<b>GUPTA <i>et al.</i> [5]</b>	1 out of 477 (0.2%)	Placebo 3 out of 479 (0.6%)	0.33 (0.03–3.21)
<b>KALK <i>et al.</i> [15]</b>	18 out of 10715 (0.2%)	No treatment 103 out of 41227 (0.3%)	0.67 (0.41–1.11)
<b>SALAZAR-AUSTIN <i>et al.</i> [13]</b>	0 out of 71 (0%)	No isoniazid exposure 2 out of 84 (2%)	0.24 (0.01–4.84)
<b>TIAM <i>et al.</i> [16]</b>	2 out of 124 (1.6%)	NA	NA
<b>TAYLOR <i>et al.</i> [17]</b>	0 out of 103 (0%)	No isoniazid exposure 0 out of 93 (0%)	NA

IPT: isoniazid preventive therapy; CI: confidence interval; NA: not available.

## Individual pregnancy outcomes

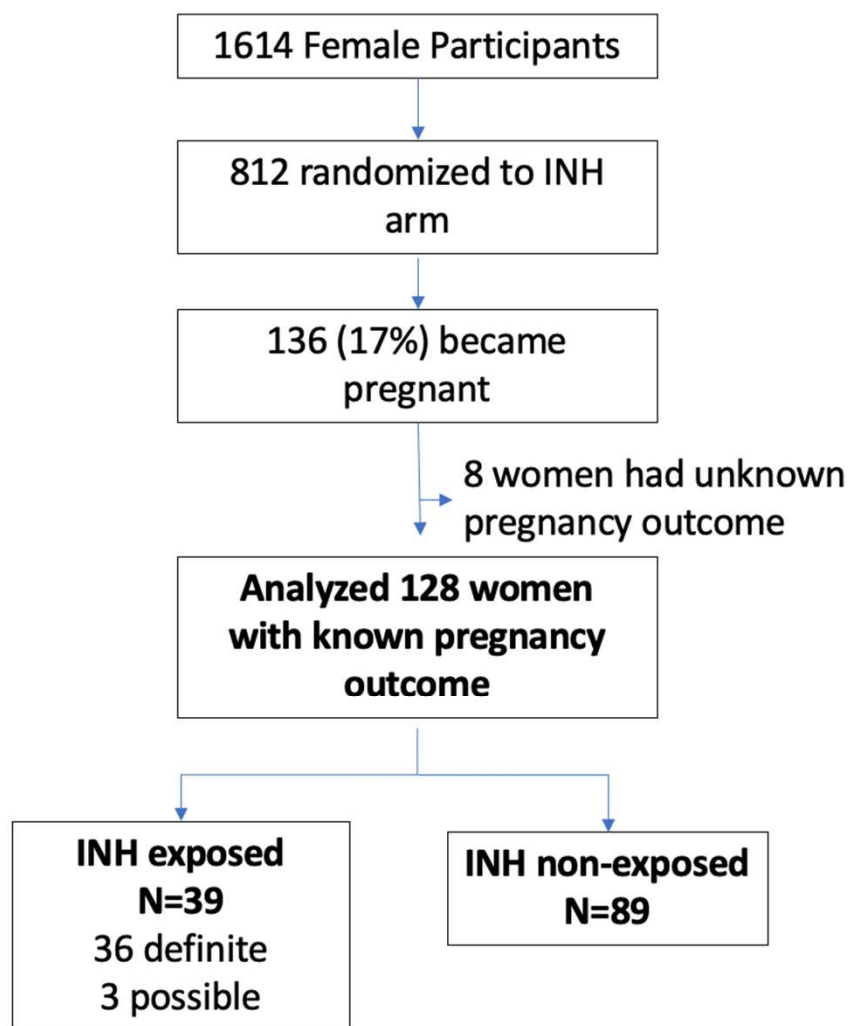


## Composite pregnancy outcomes



“We found inconsistent associations between IPT and adverse pregnancy outcomes. Considering the grave consequences of active TB in pregnancy, current evidence does not support systematic deferral of IPT until postpartum. Research on safety is needed”

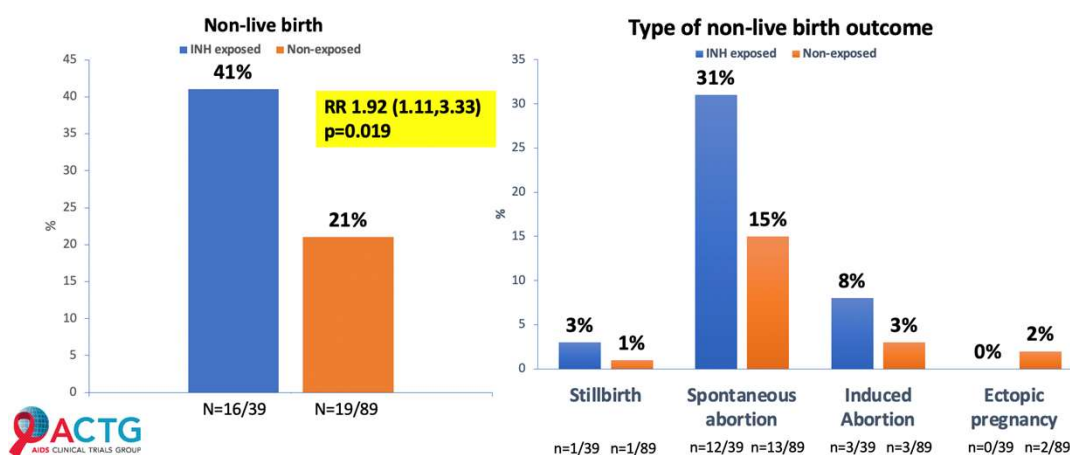
# New data on 1st trimester exposure: Results from BRIEF TB trial INH arm



	INH-exposed N=39	Non-exposed N=89	P-value
Median Age (IQR), years (at pregnancy outcome)	30.0 (26.4,36.3)	31.7 (27.2,36.0)	0.538
CD4 count at entry, cells/mm3	527	538	0.541
CD4 closest to pregnancy, cells/mm3	522	555	0.608
ART at study entry	15 (38%)	30 (34%)	0.688
ART at pregnancy outcome	<b>31 (79%)</b>	<b>85 (96%)</b>	<b>0.007</b>
EFV-based	<b>25 (64%)</b>	<b>77 (87%)</b>	
Non-EFV based	<b>6 (15%)</b>	<b>8 (9%)</b>	<b>0.006</b>
LTBI positive	10 (26%)	16 (18%)	0.346
INH exposure duration*			
Completed 36 weeks	19 (49%)	NA	
Partial treatment	9 (23%)		
Ongoing treatment	8 (20%)		
Possible early exposure	3 (8%)		

# New data on 1st trimester exposure: Results from BRIEF TB trial INH arm

## Non-live Birth Outcome More Likely in INH-exposed Pregnancies



INH exposure, which was mainly during the first trimester of pregnancy, was associated with an increased proportion of non-live births

Outcome	Proportion Exposed vs Unexposed	Unadjusted RR (95% CI)	P	Adjusted RR (95% CI)	P	2 <sup>nd</sup> Adjusted Model RR (95% CI)	P
Non-live birth	16 (41%) vs 19 (21%)	1.92 (1.11, 3.33)	0.02	1.98 (1.15, 3.41)	0.01	1.47 (0.84, 2.55)	0.18
Adverse Pregnancy Outcome (induced abortions excluded)	13 (36%) vs 16 (19%)	1.94 (1.04, 3.61)	0.04	1.98 (1.08, 3.65)	0.03	1.52 (0.83, 2.81)	0.18

**Adverse pregnancy outcome:** spontaneous abortions, still birth, ectopic pregnancy

**Primary model adjusted for** maternal age, CD4, LTBI status, ART at entry

**2<sup>nd</sup> Adjusted model:** proximate to pregnancy variables, maternal age, last CD4, LTBI status,

**ART status at pregnancy outcome.** Analysis sensitive to numbers of women on ART.

What about shorter regimens for  
TPT in pregnancy?

3HP?

1HP?

# Rifapentine Pharmacokinetics and Safety of 3HP in Pregnant Women with and without HIV (IMPAACT 2001)

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## Study design:

Cohort 1: 14 to <28 weeks

Cohort 2: 28 to <34 weeks

TBI+ or recent contact

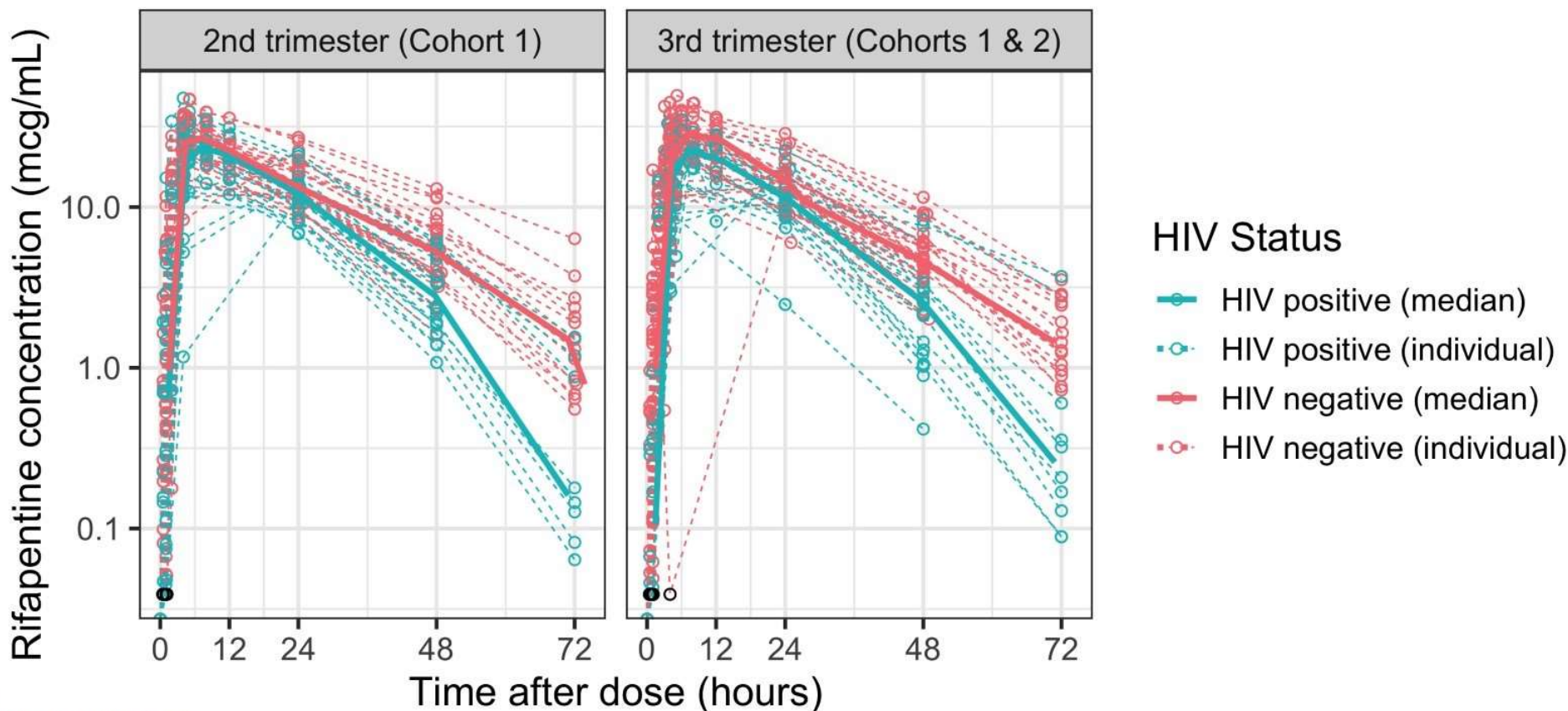
If HIV+ on EFV-based regimen

**Enrolled 50 pregnant women, 20 HIV+**

# 3HP in pregnancy P2001 trial results

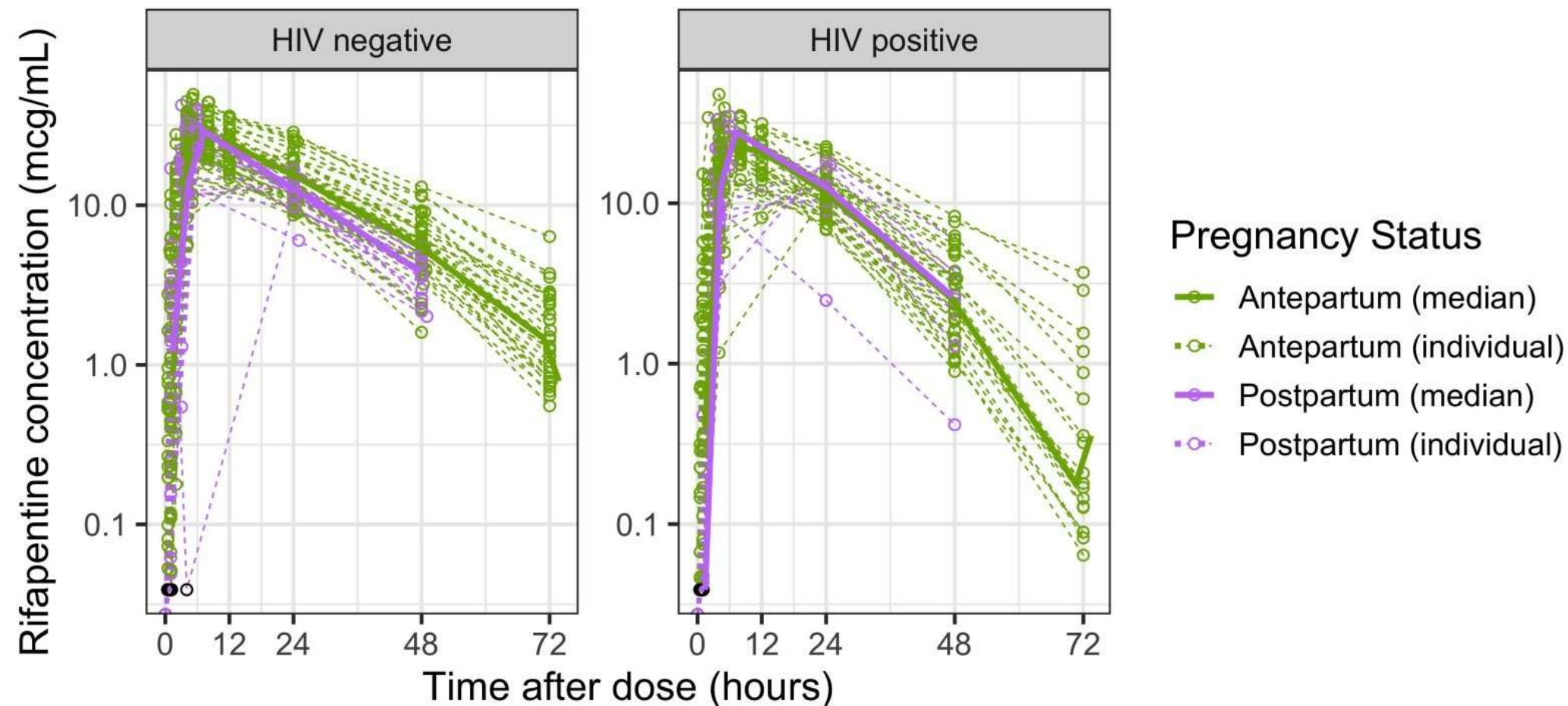
## Effect of HIV on clearance of RPT in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester

Parameter	HIV-positive	HIV-negative	% change vs. HIV-
Clearance, L/hr (RSE)	1.56 (7%)	1.20 (6%)	↑30%
AUC <sub>SS</sub> , mg/L*hr (IQR)	522 (359-803)	786 (549-1171)	↓34%





# P2001: Effect of pregnancy on RPT



Status	Antepartum	Postpartum	% change vs. pregnancy
HIV-positive clearance, L/hr (RSE)	1.56 (7%)	1.60 (11%)	↑ 2%
HIV-negative clearance, L/hr (RSE)	1.20 (6%)	1.53 (8%)	↑28%

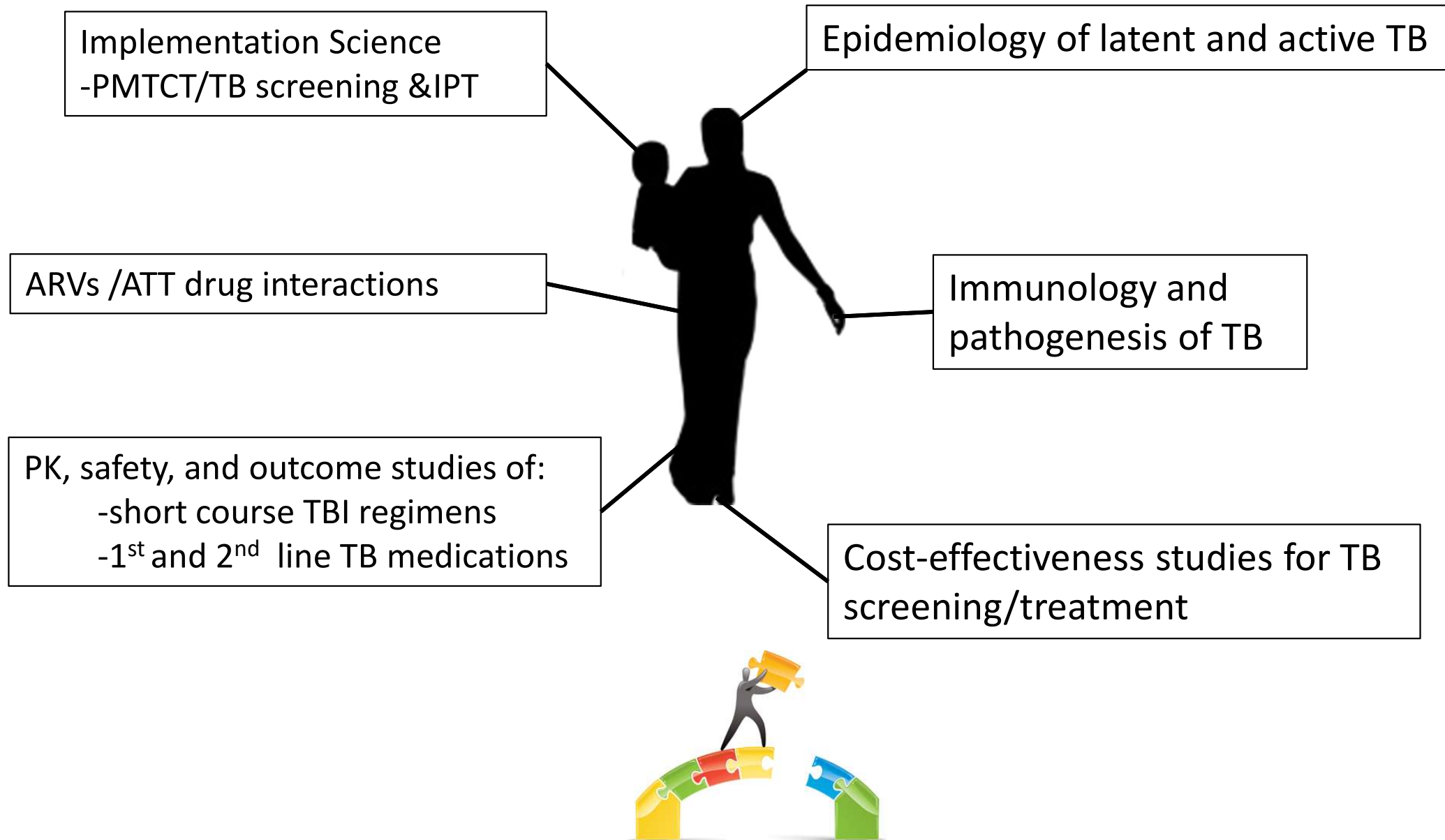


# P2001: Key finding for 3HP in pregnancy

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1. There is no dose adjustment of RPT required in pregnancy.
2. In women with HIV on EFV, clearance of RPT was higher than expected during pregnancy.  
Exposures remained in the therapeutic range  
Need studies of RPT and other ART options (e.g. DTG) in pregnancy to see if effect is from HIV or EFV, specifically
3. Safety and tolerability data for 3HP in pregnancy are encouraging  
BUT NOT POWERED FOR SAFETY SO Need larger studies to definitively characterize safety
4. PK data from infants and breast milk coming soon

# Filling the gaps for maternal TB



# Summary

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- Peak incidence of TB during reproductive age
- Maternal TB associated with adverse pregnancy outcomes, maternal mortality and infant TB and mortality
- Immune and physiological changes may be of importance to screening diagnostic yield, TB drug disposition, toxicity
- Difference in PZA guidance between CDC and WHO guidelines
- Need to include pregnant women in trials of diagnostics and drugs whenever feasible
- Safety of INH in pregnancy a concern
- Several studies now ongoing that will help to fill in the knowledge gap

*“Each year, millions of women and children die from preventable causes. These are not mere statistics. They are people with names and faces. Their suffering is unacceptable in the 21<sup>st</sup> century”*

Ban Ki-moon,  
United Nations Secretary-General,  
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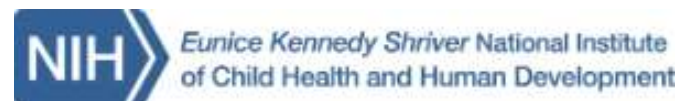
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