



# TPP for a test for incipient TB: Making better predictions to improve patient care

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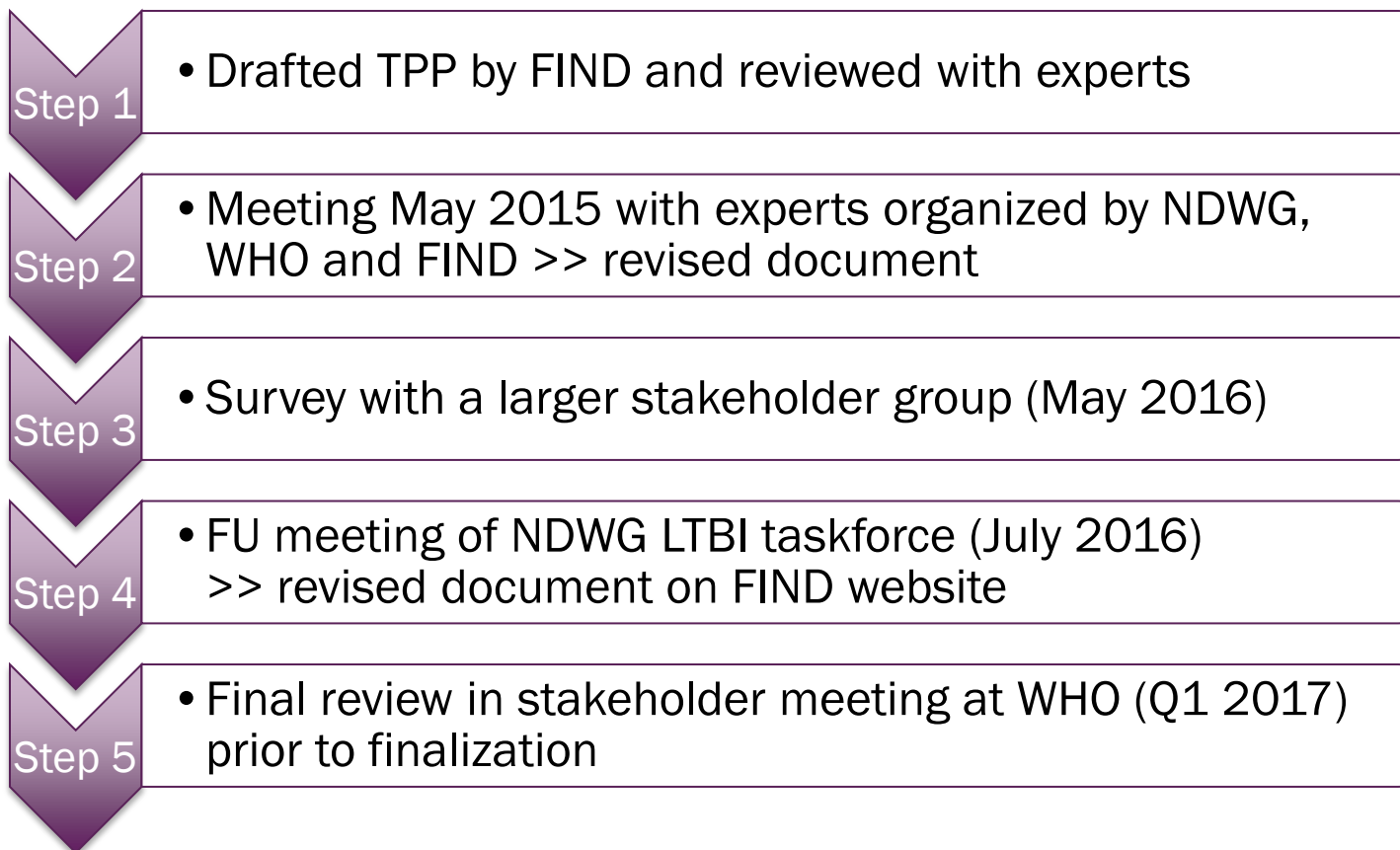


# Outline

1. TPP process and status
2. Performance targets
3. Next steps



# 1. TPP process and status





## 2. Performance targets



# Definitions & test conceptualization

## ■ TB infection

- Asymptomatic
- Positive TST / IGRA
- Without microbiological, radiological, or clinical evidence of active TB

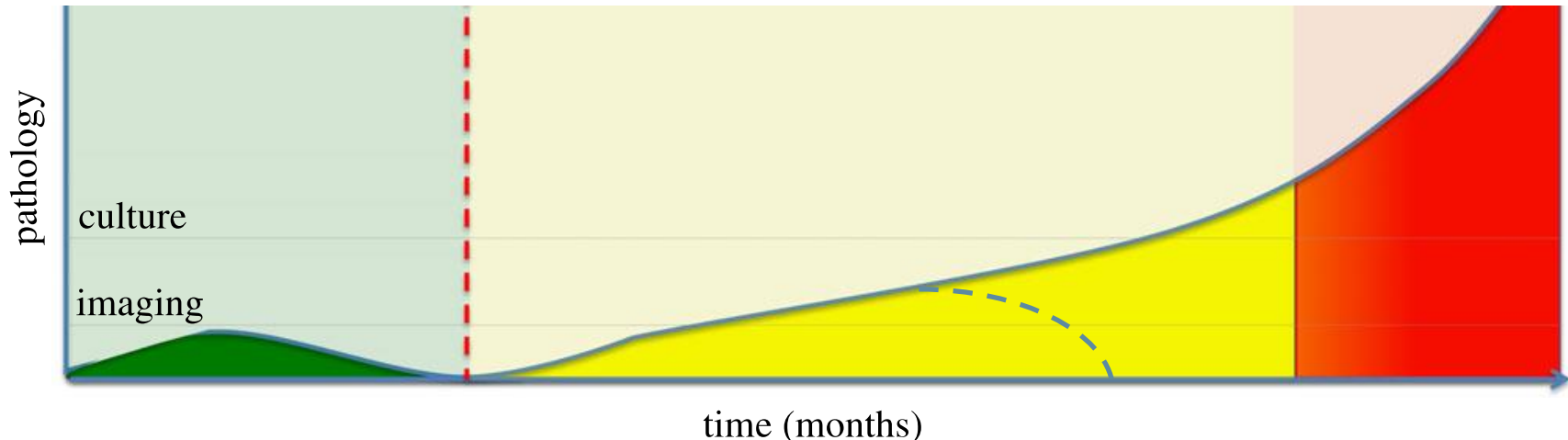


## ■ Incipient TB disease

- Asymptomatic
- With
  - evidence of TB on radiographic and/or microbiological examination
  - or development of TB within “short” time after initial evaluation
- Subset of patients will not progress

## ■ TB disease

- Symptomatic
- With
  - positive microbiological test (confirmed TB)
  - or compatible clinical and/or radiology and/or histology for TB and started TB treatment (clinical TB)



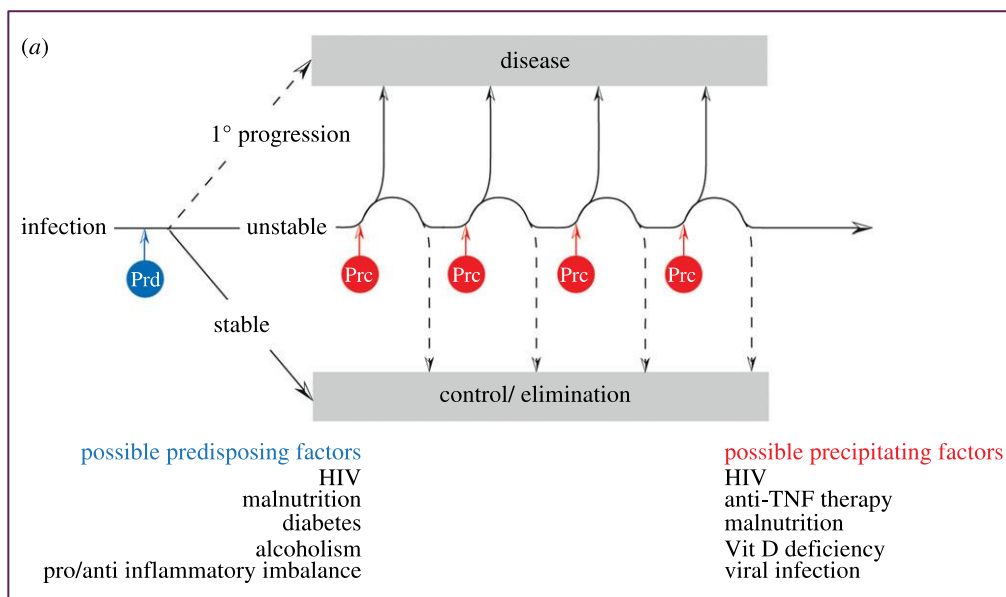


# Performance targets

## Expectations for for prediction (vs diagnosis)

### ■ Accuracy of prediction (prognosis) inherently lower than that of diagnosis

- Statement about future vs present
- Impossible to predict precipitating factors at time of testing



Esmail 2014

### Reasons for imperfect Sensitivity

(i.e. patient “supposed to stay healthy” but progresses)

Precipitating factors “hitting” after testing

Reinfection

Hard to detect very early immune changes

### Reasons for imperfect Specificity

(i.e. patient “supposed to progresses” but stays healthy)

Prd/Prc factors removed/“addressed”

Self-cure

Hard to find specific host immune response



# Performance targets

## Basic premises

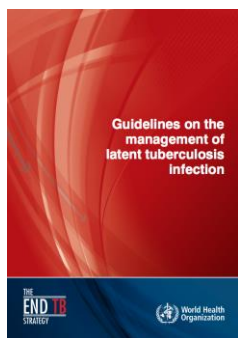
- Key reason for limited uptake & adherence of IPT: risk/benefit-profile for preventive Rx not convincing for many (from perspective of patients, clinicians and PH) because
  - imperfect treatment (efficacy, duration, AEs etc.)
  - TST/IGRA accuracy for risk of progression very low (→ low PPV and high NNTT)
- Conceptualize desired performance based on PPV/NNTT
  - PPV captures patient perspective (If test+, how likely am I to have disease?)
  - NNTT captures clinician/PH perspective (If treating all test+, how many do I need to test and treat to prevent one case?)
- But specify performance targets using Sens/Spec
  - independent of incidence



# Performance targets

## Approach for setting targets

**Step 1.** Clarify what values of PPV and NNTT are currently found acceptable to patients/clinicians/policy makers



	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV*	NNTT*
TST	58%	64%	3.2%	31
IGRA	80%	56%	3.6%	28

Source: SR by Kik et al. (prelim. results; unpublished)

\* Cumulative incidence of progression from TB infection to active TB: 2%;  
NNTT not considering imperfect treatment efficacy

**Step 2.** Defining combinations of sensitivity/specificity that are compatible with improved values of PPV and NNTT

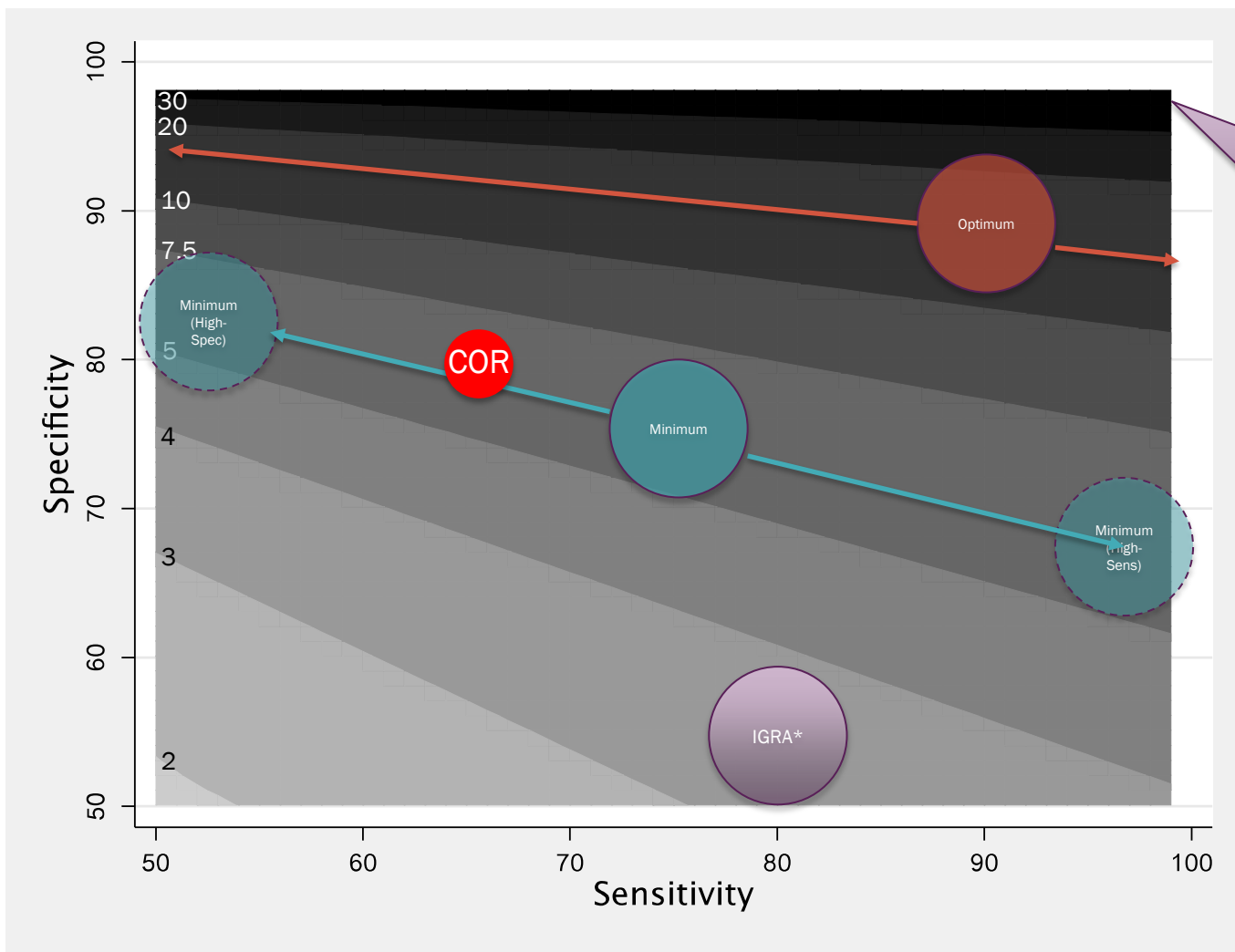
- Minimal target: Increase PPV by factor of ~2 and (thus cutting NNTT by ~1/2) compared to IGRA
- Optimal target: Increase PPV by factor of ~5 and (thus cutting NNTT by ~1/5) compared to IGRA
- Use contour plots to assess combinations of sensitivity/specificity compatible with these proposed values of PPV/NNTT





# What performance should we be aiming for?

## PPV according to Sens/Spec for risk of progression



Note that a test with Se/Sp 99/99 would yield PPV=67%

Note: Cumulative incidence of progression from TB infection to active TB: 2%

\* Based on updated, unpublished SR/MA by Kik et al.



# Observations

1. Reaching a very high PPV is impossible for a test aiming to *predict* a rare event
2. Proposed minimum target represents an important improvement (and seems achievable within 5-year time horizon of TPP)
3. Targeted PPV/NNTT can be achieved with various combinations of Sens/Spec (and preferences for trade-offs will vary between stakeholders)
4. Repeat testing is likely to increase both Sens and Spec



## 3. Next steps

- Publication of report of TPP survey results and Milan meeting
- Stakeholder meeting at WHO to achieve consensus and finalize TPP
- Publish WHO-endorsed TPP



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