

# ISS-Rome Workshop

## Migrant screening for tuberculosis

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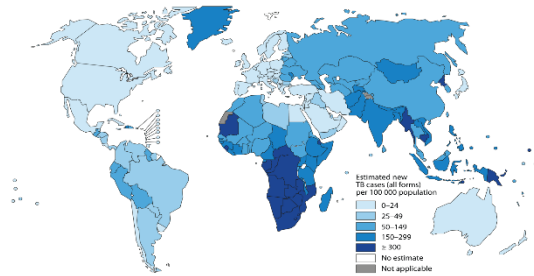
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# Areas to cover today...



## Epidemiology



Future directions



TB in migrants



Screening for latent TB

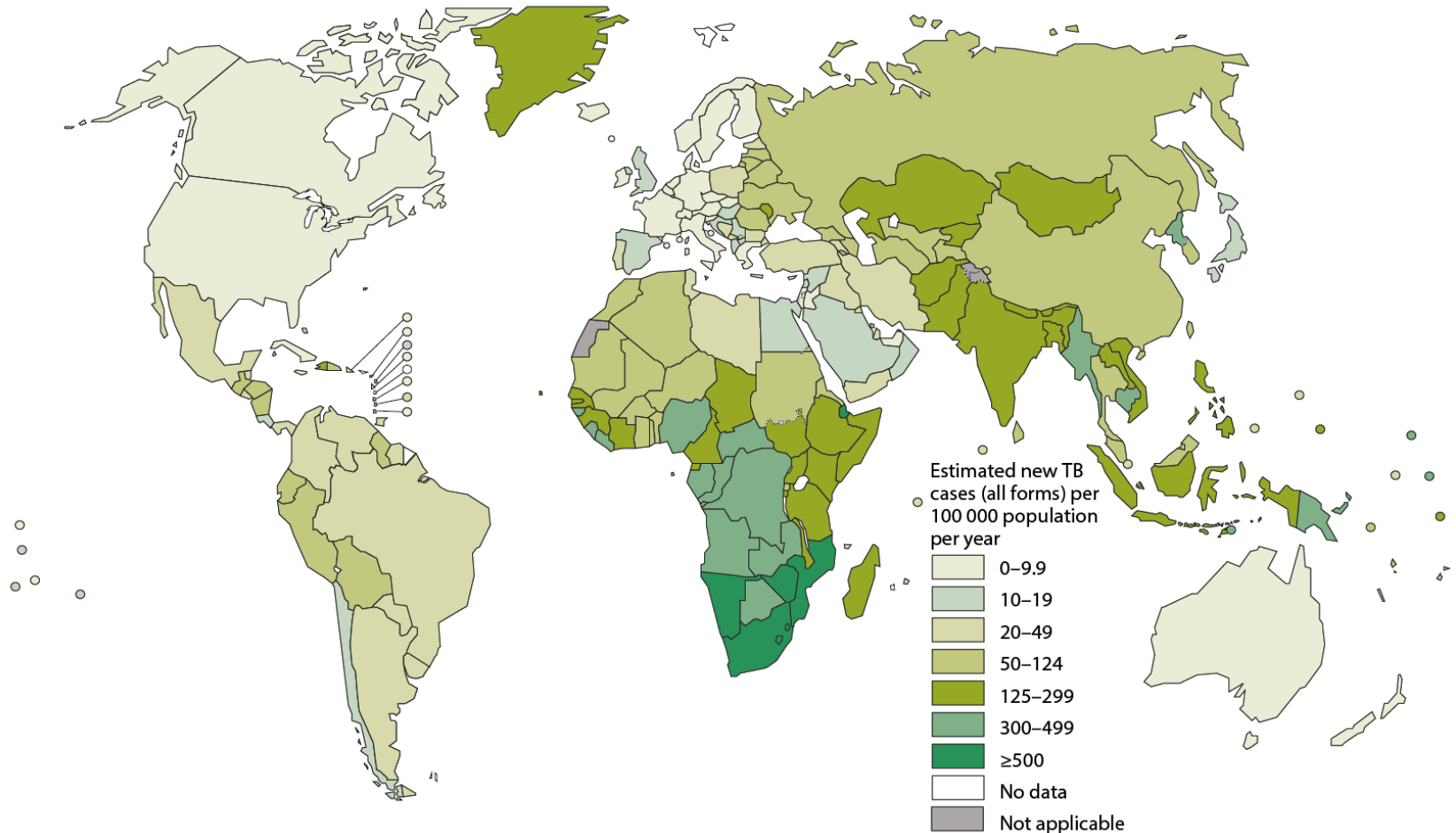


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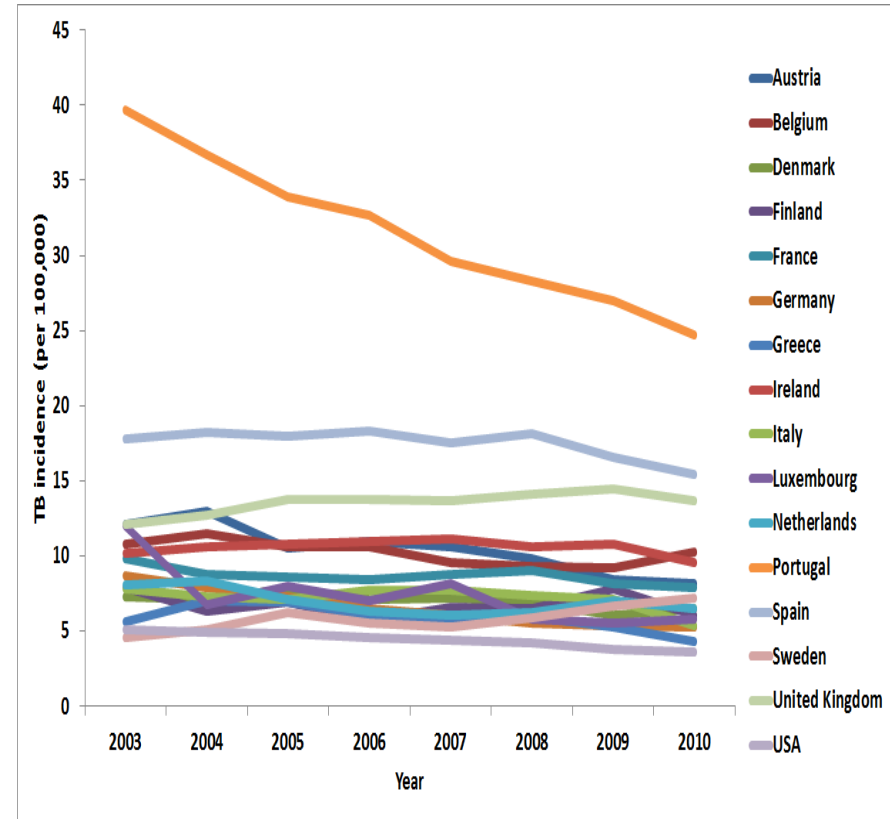
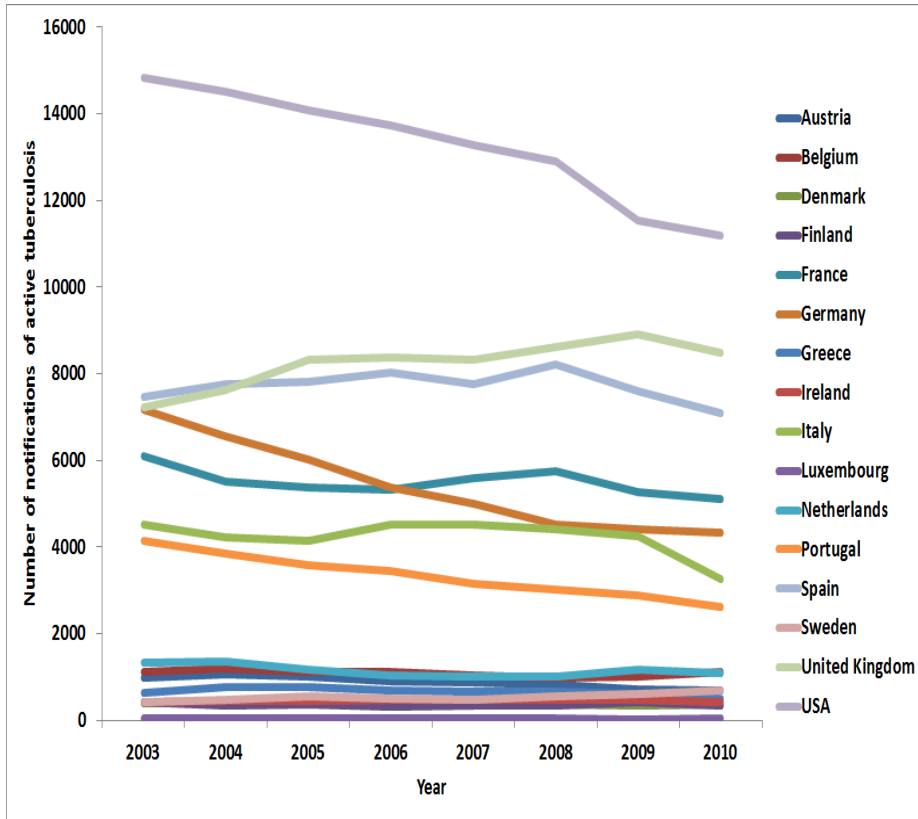
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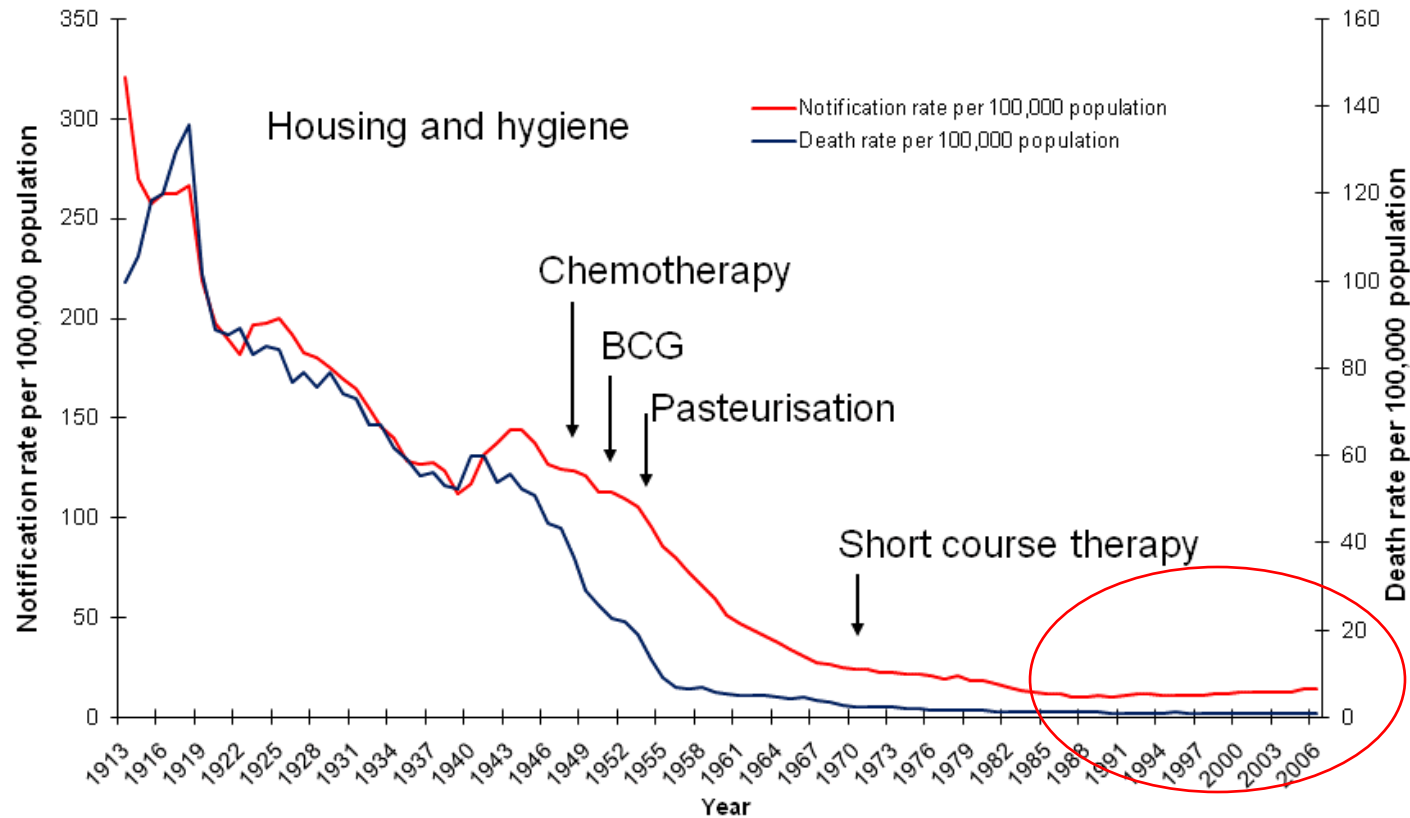
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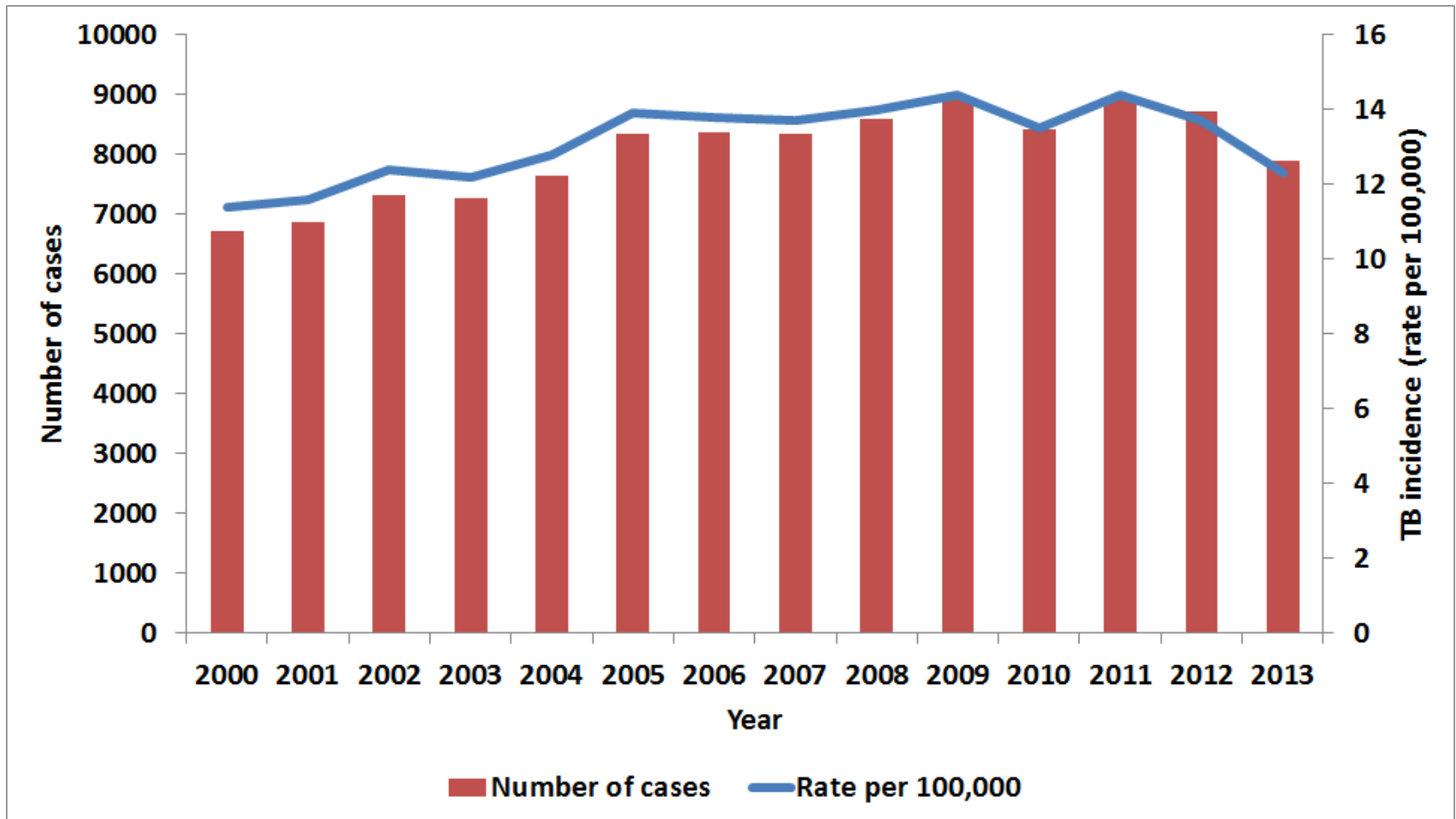
# TB remains a problem in high-income countries



# TB in high-income countries: UK as an example

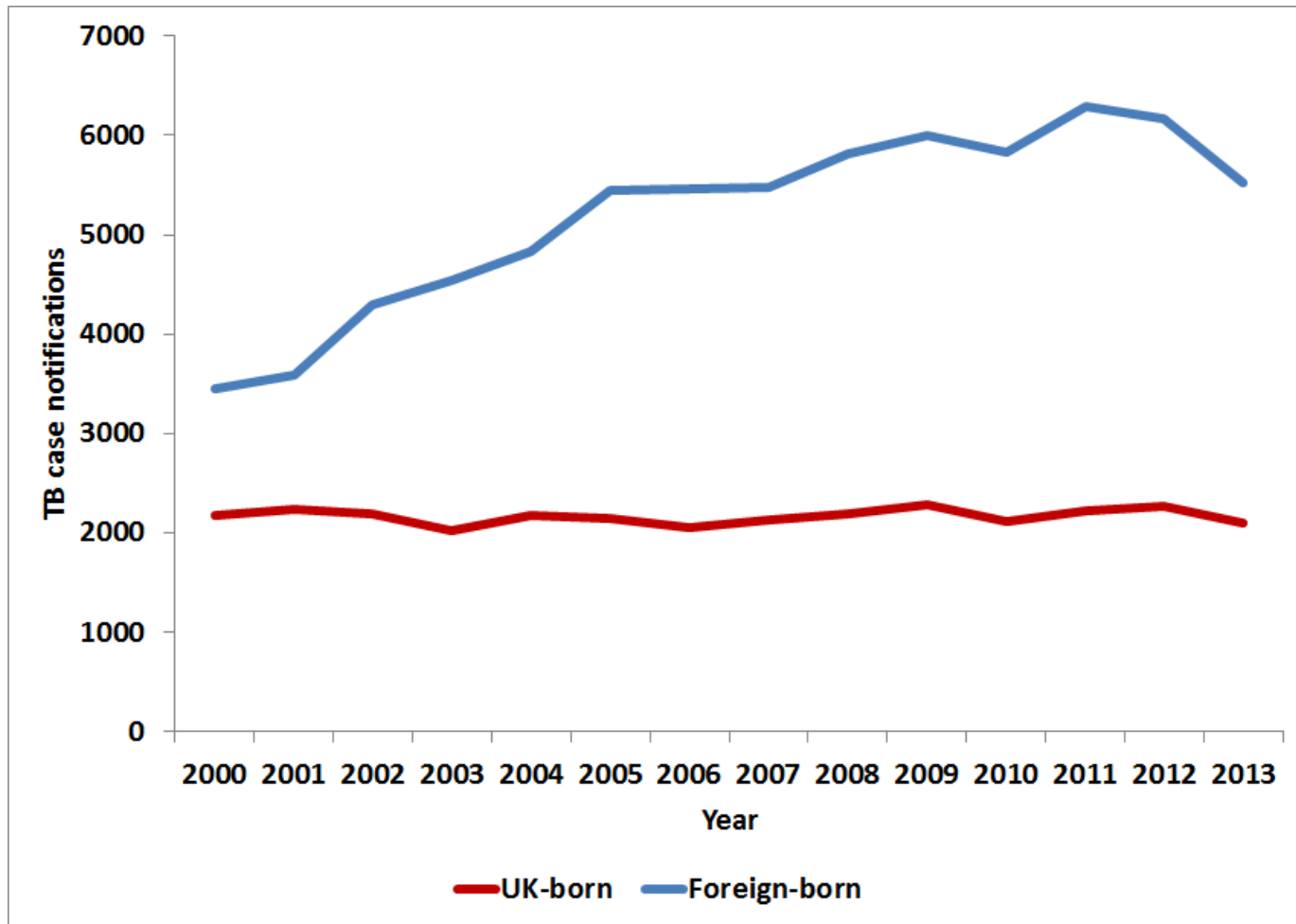


# TB incidence in the UK is increasing...

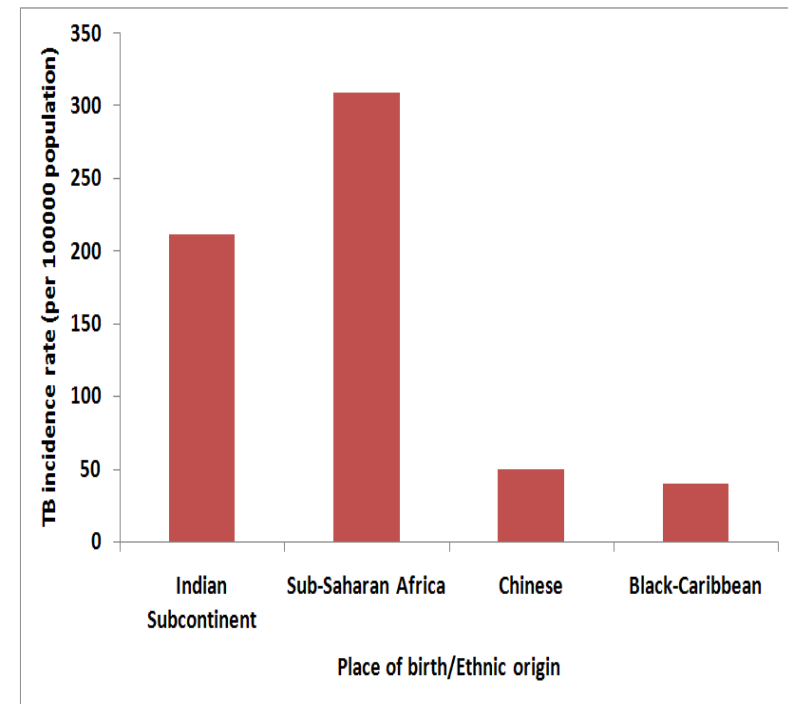
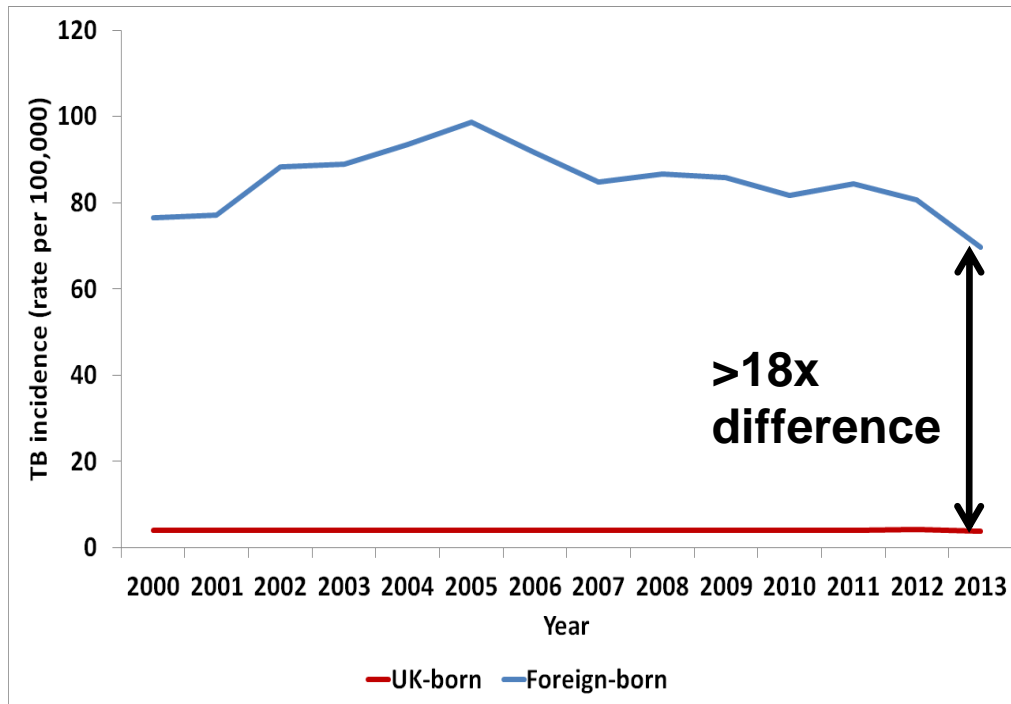




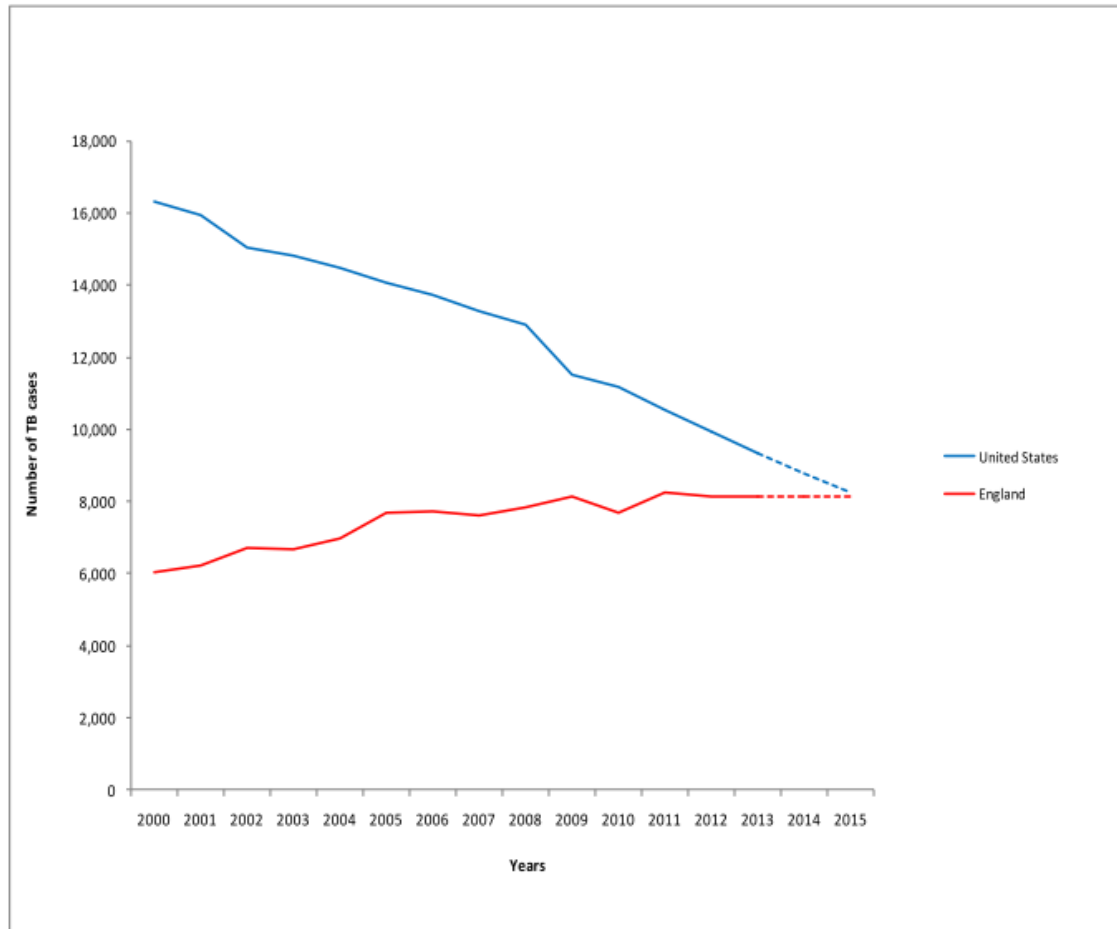
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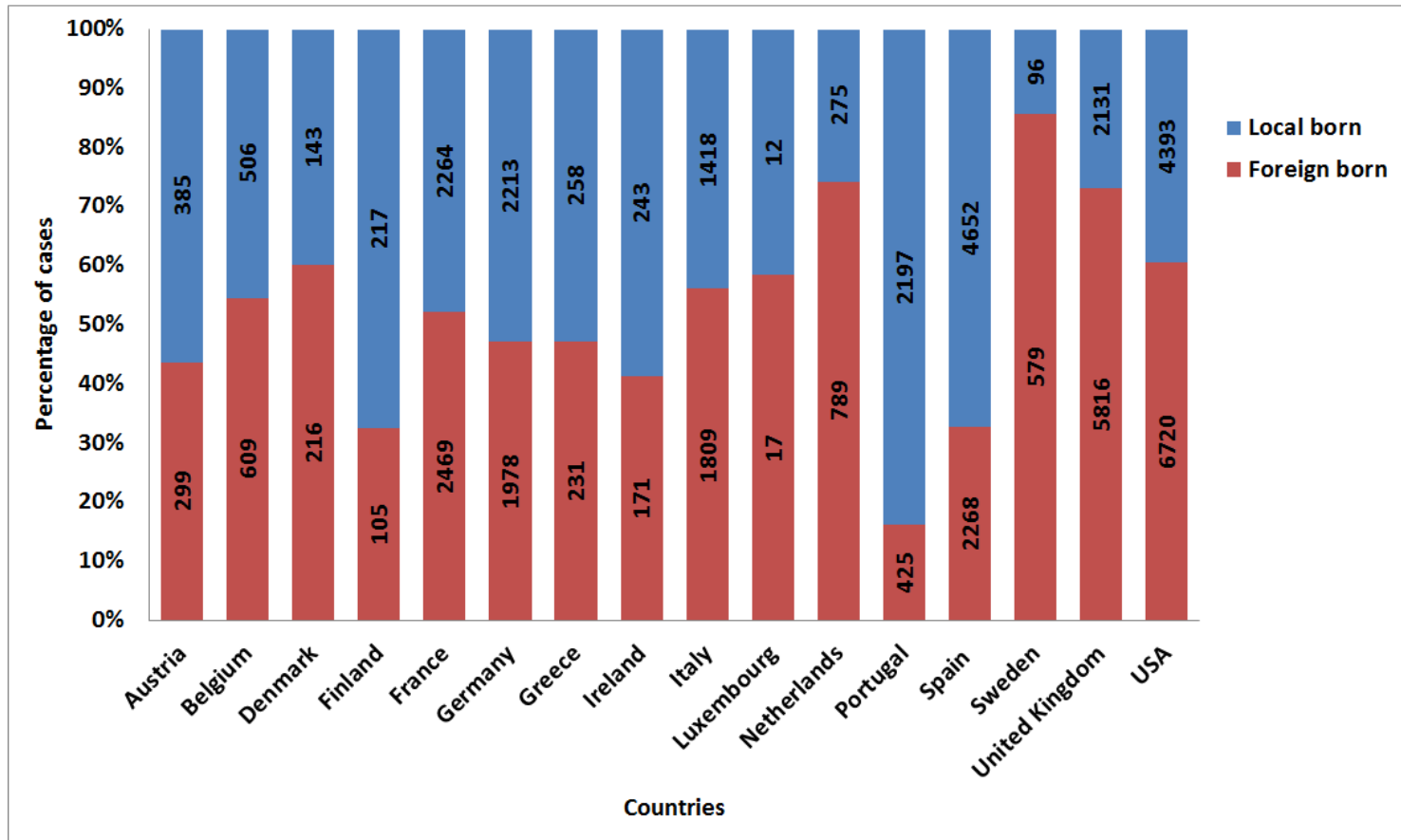
# TB mainly a disease of foreign-born in the UK



# UK predicted to have more cases of TB than the US within the next two years



# Foreign-born TB: a significant proportion of the TB burden in high-income countries



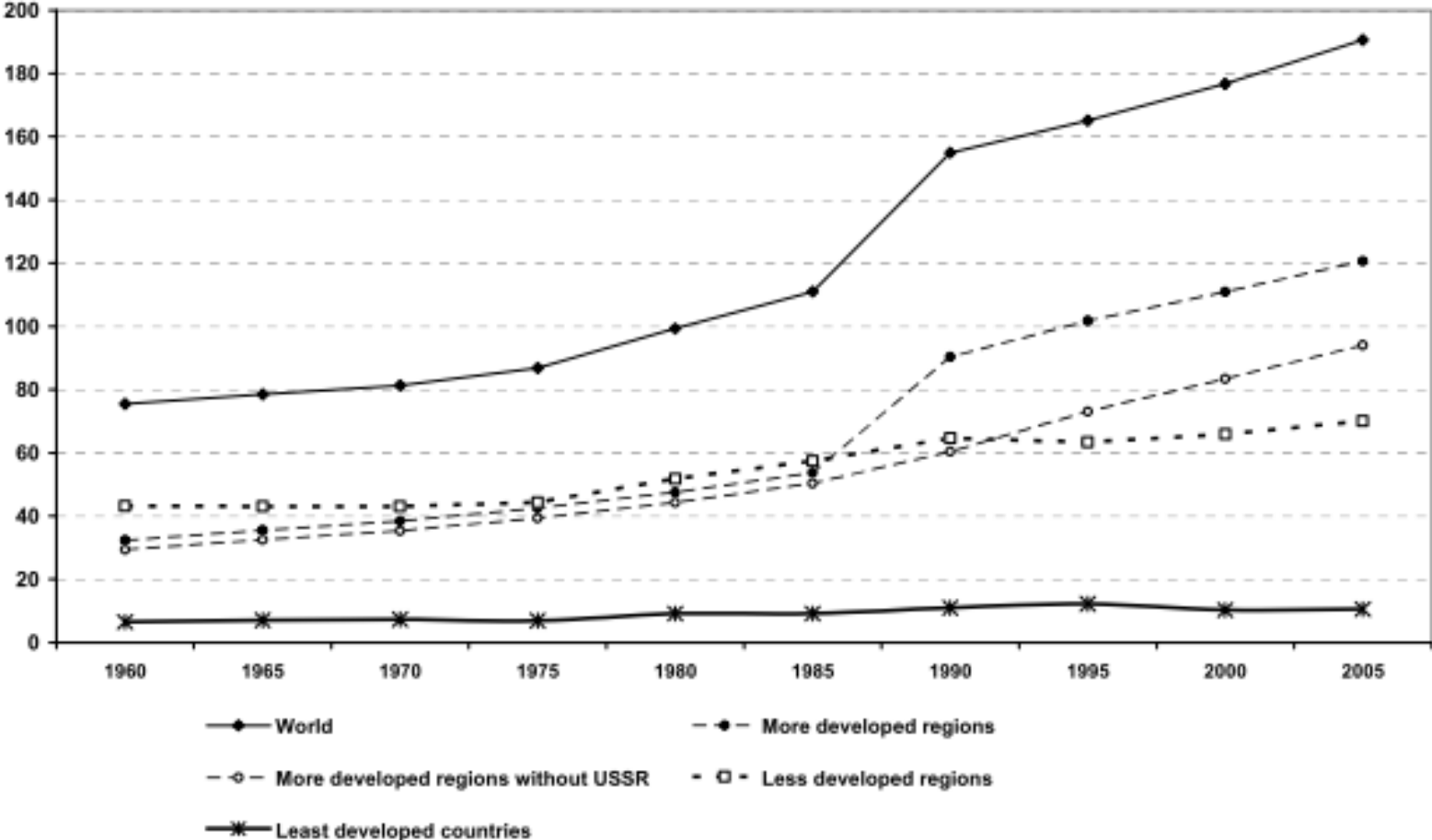
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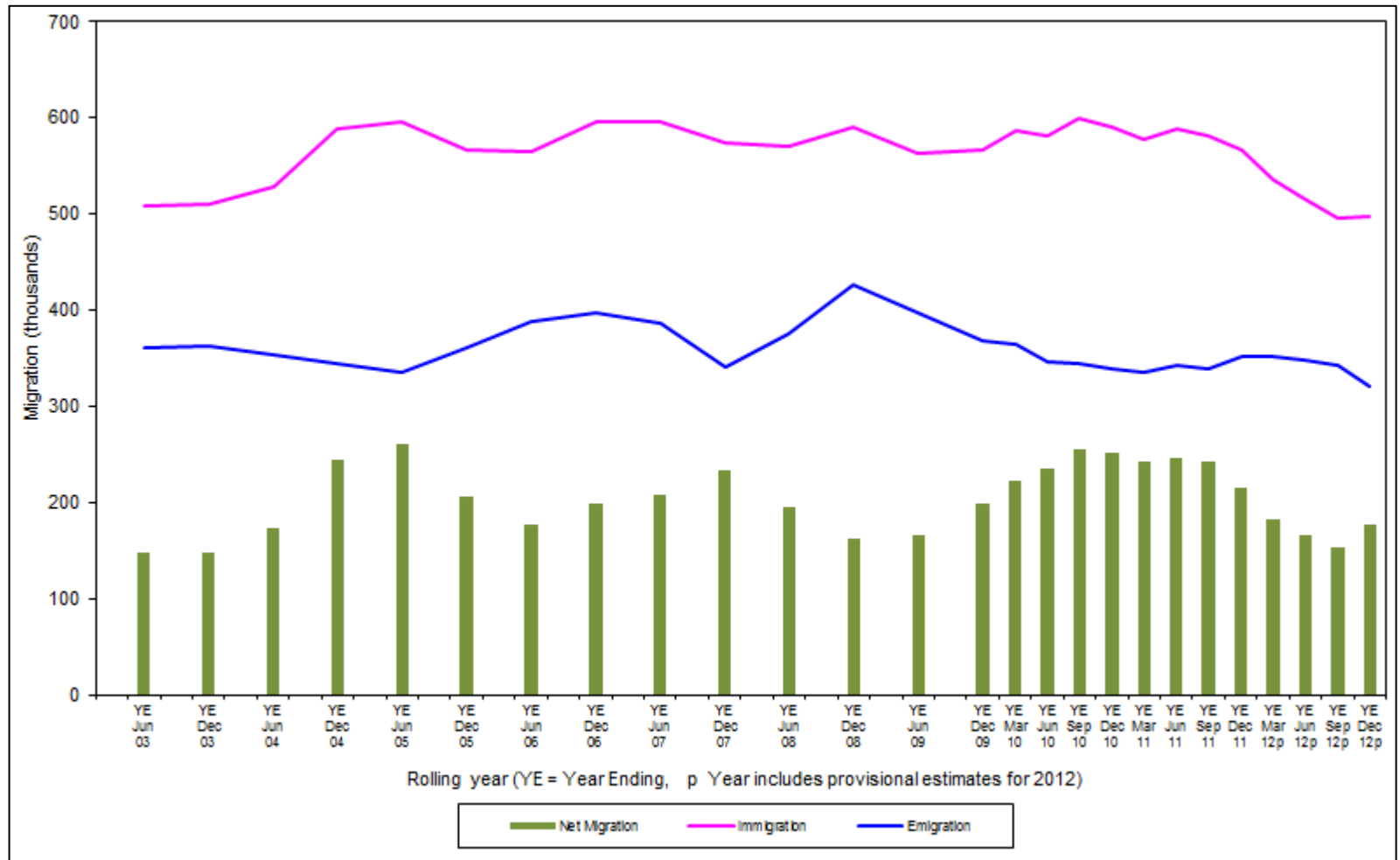


**Reason: Synergistic impact of migration and reactivating latent tuberculosis infection**

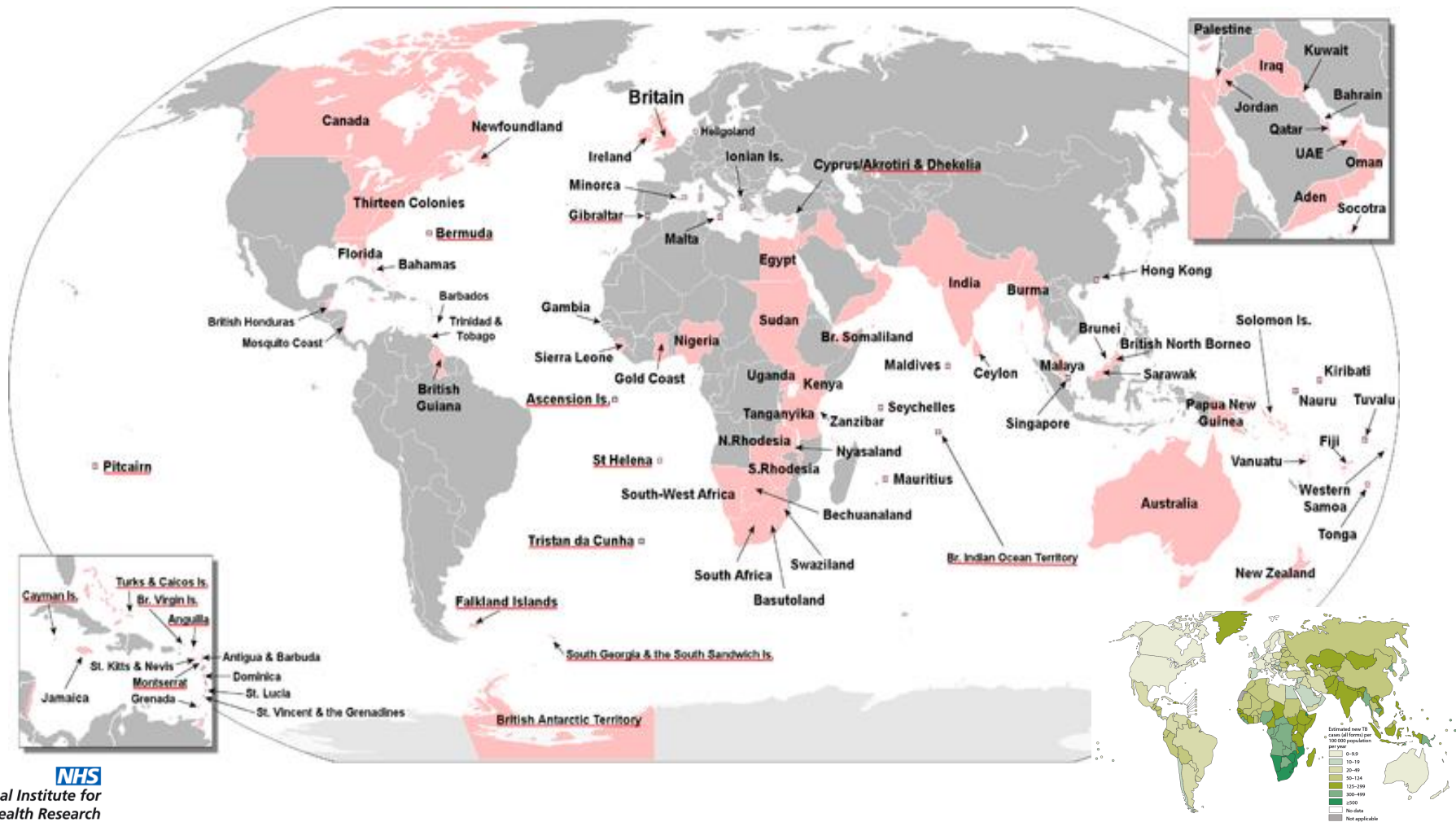
# Evolving migration patterns during the 20th/21st century



# Migration to the UK



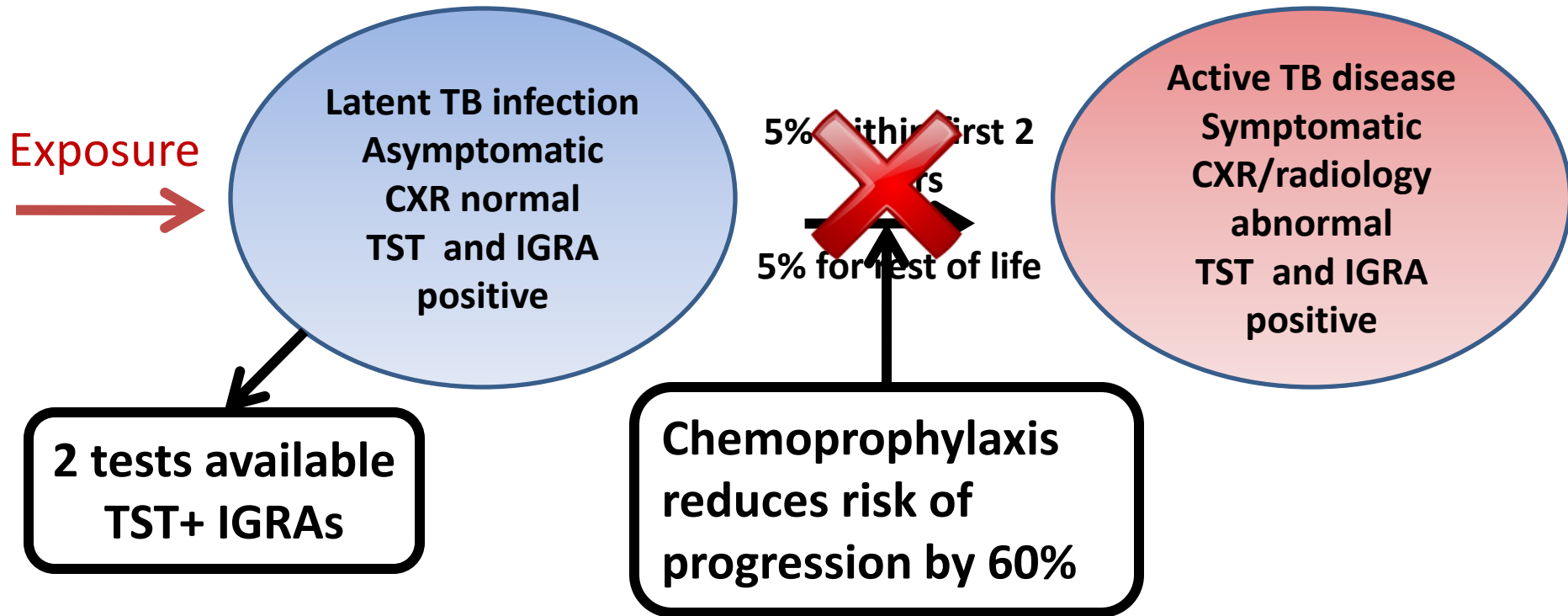
# Migration to UK influenced by its past





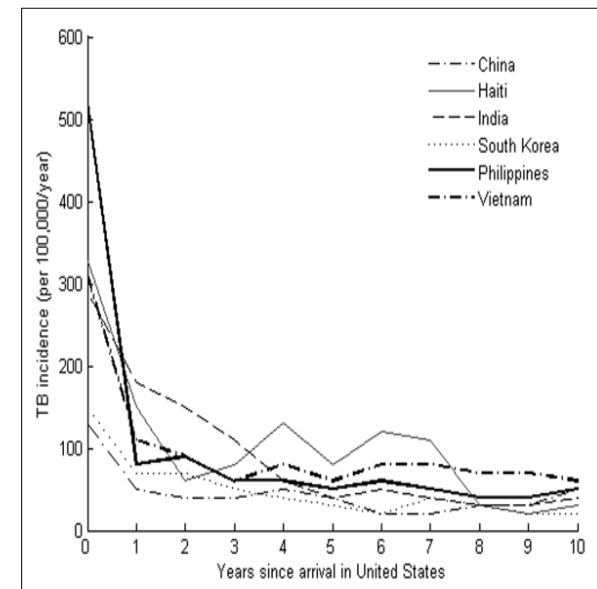
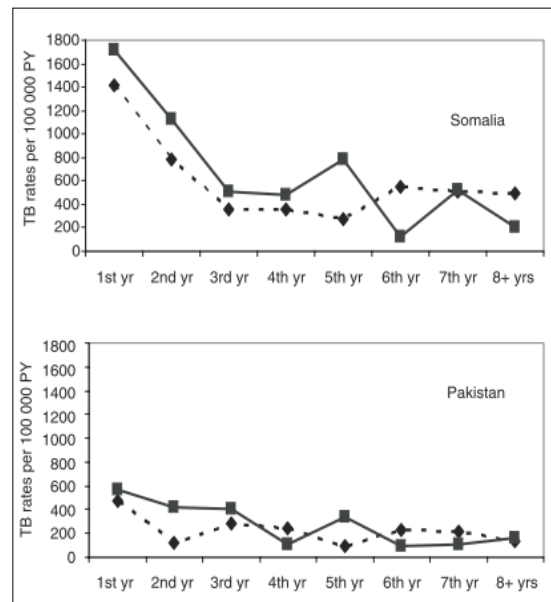
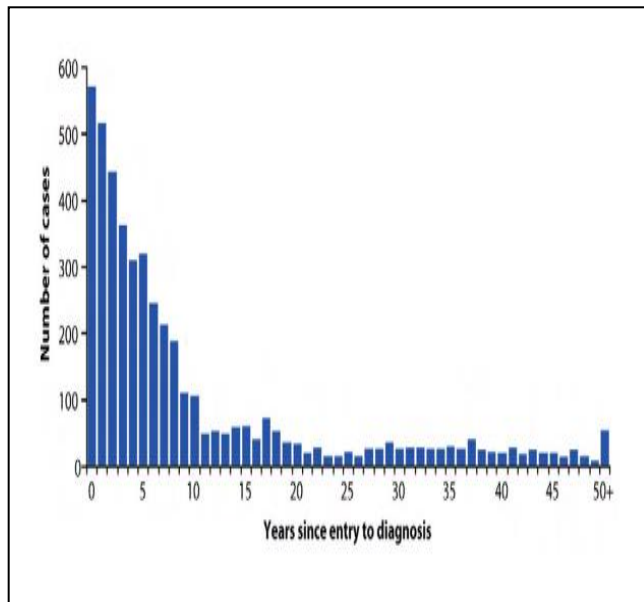
# Migration alone not enough...

## Need to consider TB natural history



# Reactivation of LTBI plays critical role

- Data suggests little active TB at time of migration
- High rates in initial years after migration (new-entrants)



**Molecular studies: limited community transmission**

# To recap...

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- **TB cases in the foreign-born make up a significant proportion of TB burden**
- **Combined impact of migration and reactivation of pre-existing latent TB infection**
- **High rates within the first 5 years after entry**

# So how do high-income countries screen migrants?

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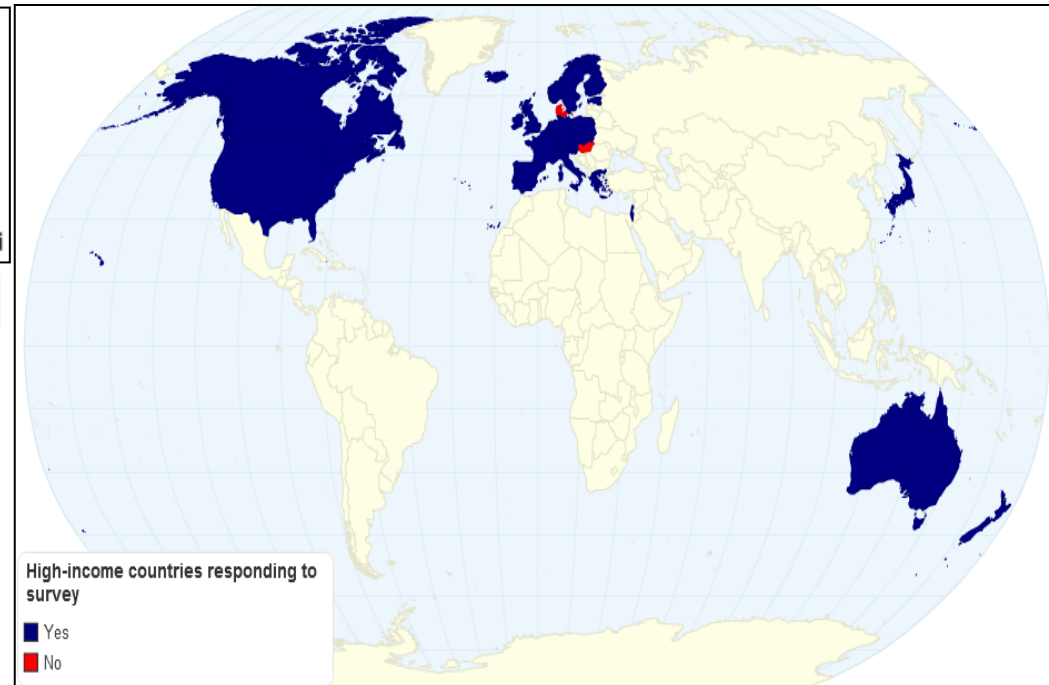
# Screening practices in high-income countries

## Evaluation of Immigrant Tuberculosis Screening in Industrialized Countries

Manish Pareek, Iacopo Baussano, Ibrahim Abubakar, Christopher Dye, and Ajit Lalvani

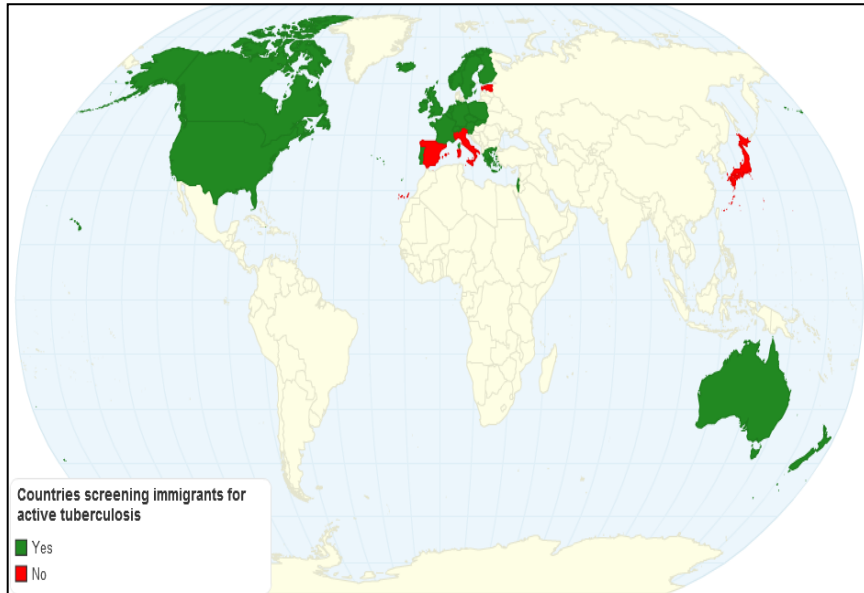
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- International survey of 31 OECD high-income countries
- Evaluated screening practices for active and latent TB
  - Where do they screen?
  - Which groups are screened?
  - How do they screen?

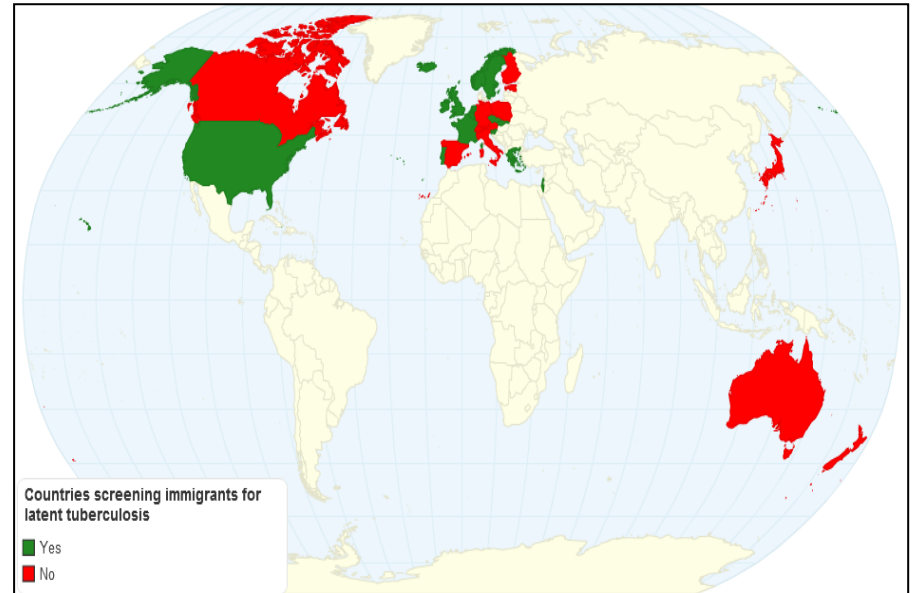


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- 29/31 countries responded

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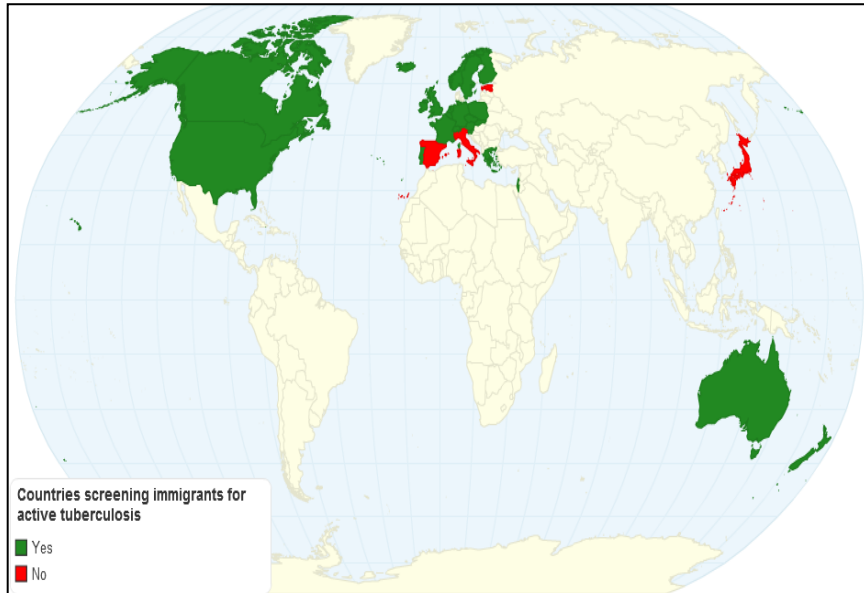


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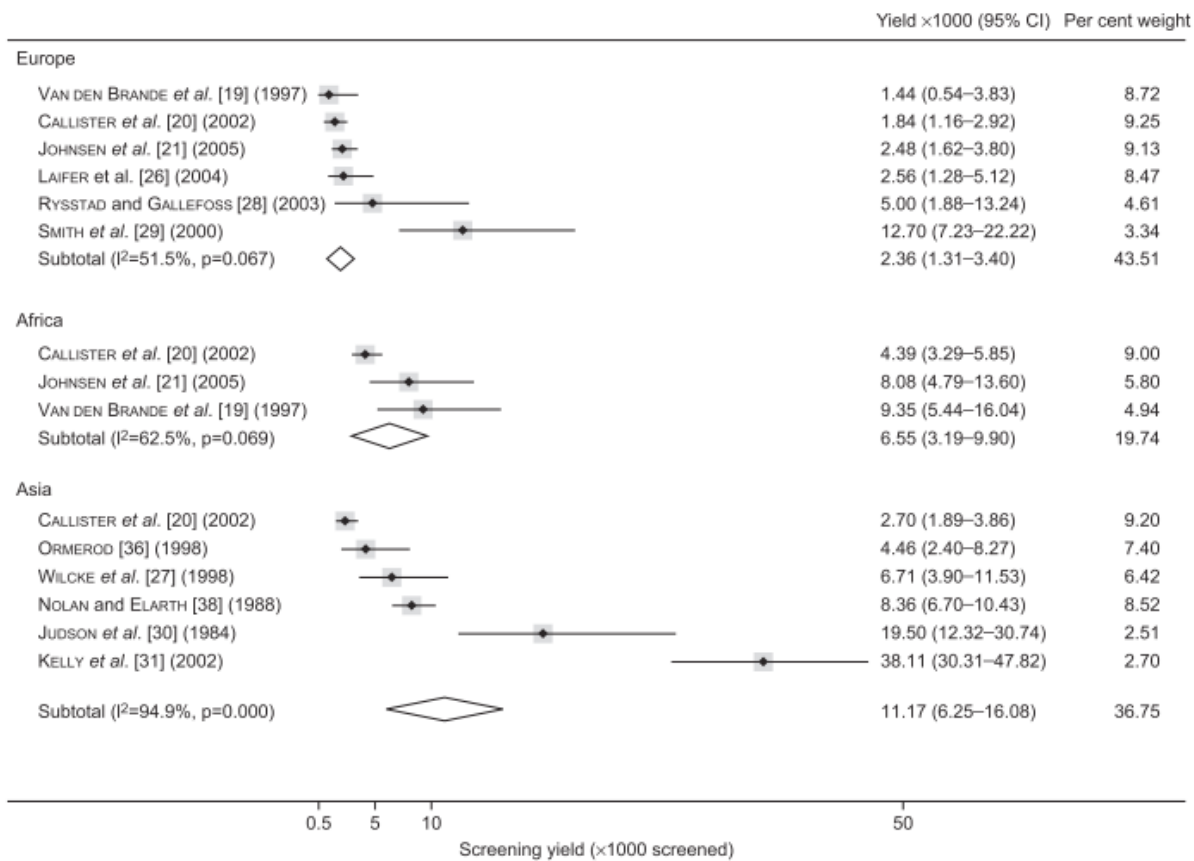


Pre-arrival	At-arrival	Post-arrival
8/25 (32.0%)	5/25 (25.0%)	23/25 (92.0%)



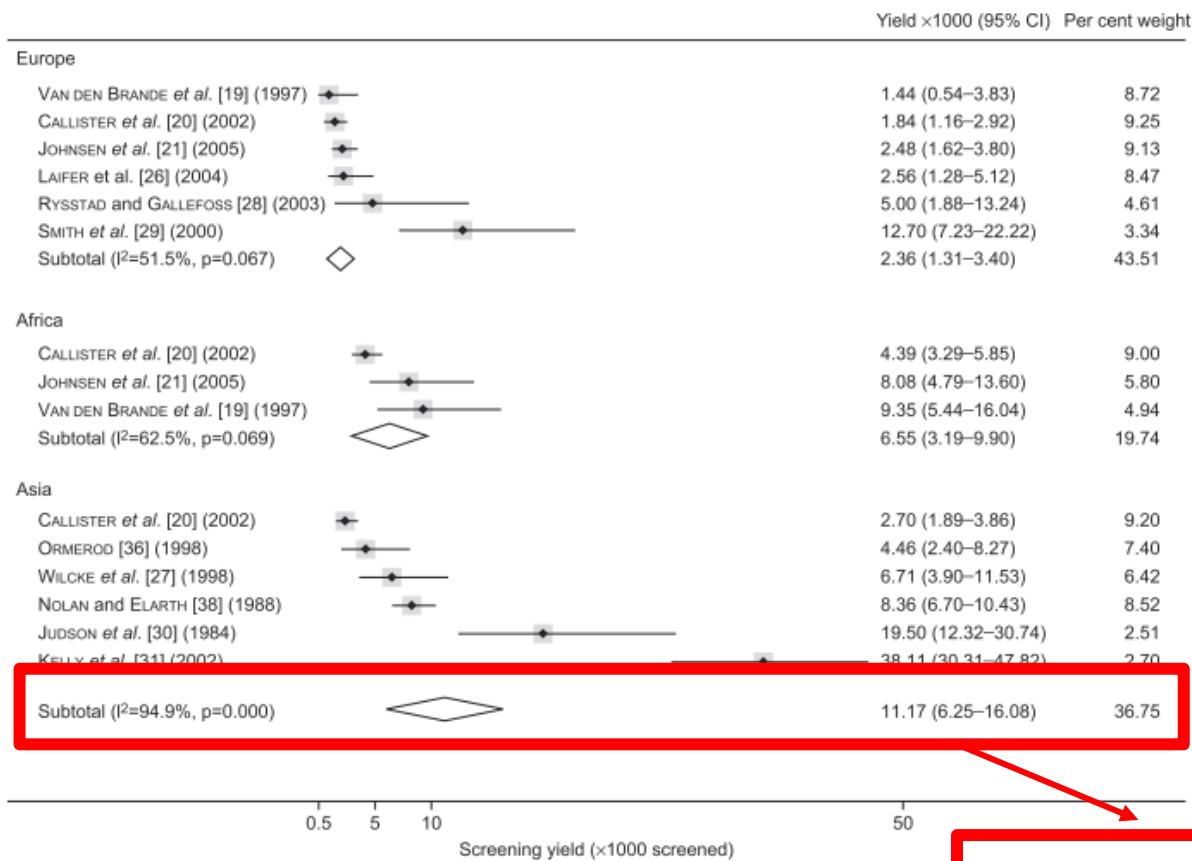
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# UK port of entry screening has a low yield and may not be cost-effective

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## Heathrow

- Total referrals 175,039
- Have X ray 71,000
- Abnormal 173
- TB diagnosed 92 (0.12%)

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# Data from UK pilot of pre-arrival screening also highlights variable yields for active tuberculosis

	2005*	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010*	Total
Bangladesh	0	19,711	22,185	23,457	58,996	15,024	139,373
Burkina Faso	0	0	6	32	22	6	66
Cambodia	0	64	76	80	127	83	430
Côte d'Ivoire	0	0	116	339	263	145	863
Eritrea	0	0	58	45	30	25	158
Ghana	0	0	10,896	8,446	4,065	2,809	26,216
Kenya	0	0	2,859	2,981	2,529	1,676	10,045
Laos	1	16	25	22	25	19	108
Niger	0	0	5	34	18	4	61
Pakistan	0	0	50,251	61,896	55,944	42,142	210,233
Somalia	0	0	316	458	519	429	1,722
Sudan	5	817	819	1,020	1,006	659	4,326
Tanzania	354	1,934	1,906	2,054	1,362	751	8,361
Thailand	634	8,731	8,314	8,690	7,866	6,122	40,357
Togo	0	0	17	86	55	33	191
<b>Total</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>31,273</b>	<b>97,849</b>	<b>109,640</b>	<b>132,827</b>	<b>69,927</b>	<b>442,510</b>

Total positive cases, overall = 294 TB cases or 66 per 100,000 population

The scheme is now self-financing, applicants paying a fee of between \$50 and \$77 US (up to £50). However, the cost of culture diagnostics is free for the applicants.

# Cost-effectiveness of migrant screening for **active** tuberculosis

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# Studies/documents which have examined migrant screening for tuberculosis

Author	Year	Location	Aim of study/analysis	Tools assessed	Empirical data	Model type (Decision-analysis (DA) or Markov (M))	Assessment of cost-effectiveness
Dasgupta	2000	Canada	Compare CXR and TST in screening migrants	CXR and TST	Yes	DA and M	\$/ active TB case averted
Schwartzman	2000	Canada	Compare CXR and TST in screening migrants from hypothetical high, medium and low TB burden settings	CXR and TST	No	DA and M	\$/ active TB case averted
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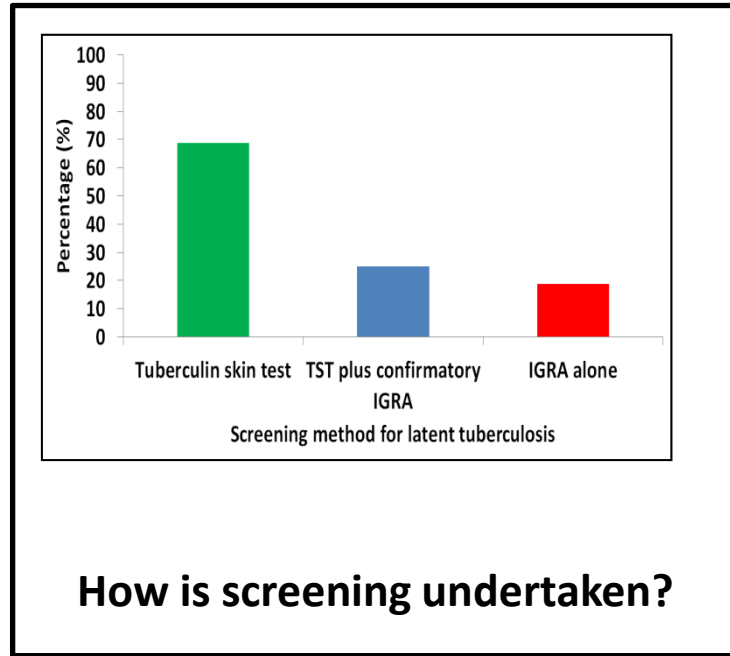
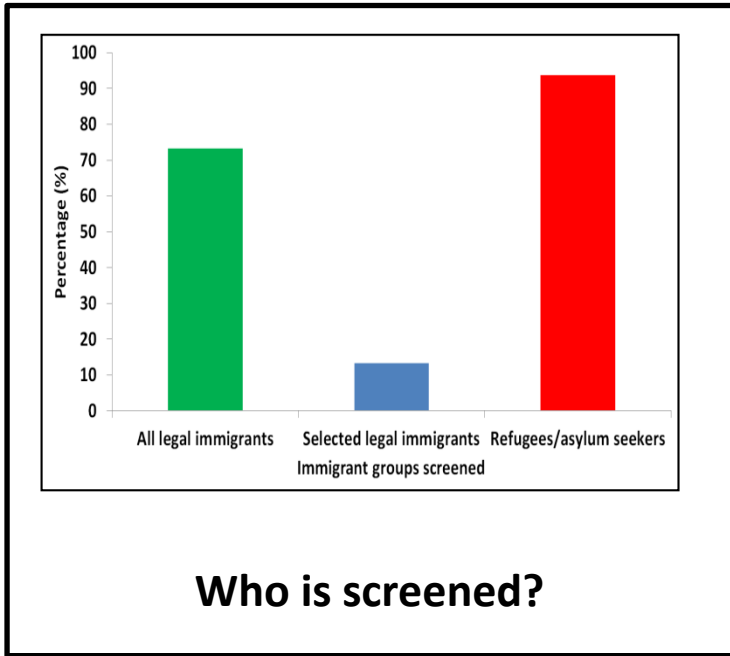
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# Screening migrants for **latent** tuberculosis

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# High-income countries display heterogeneity in screening for latent TB

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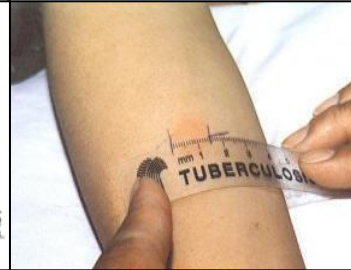
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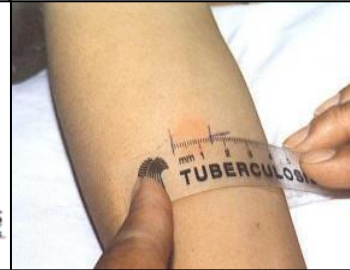
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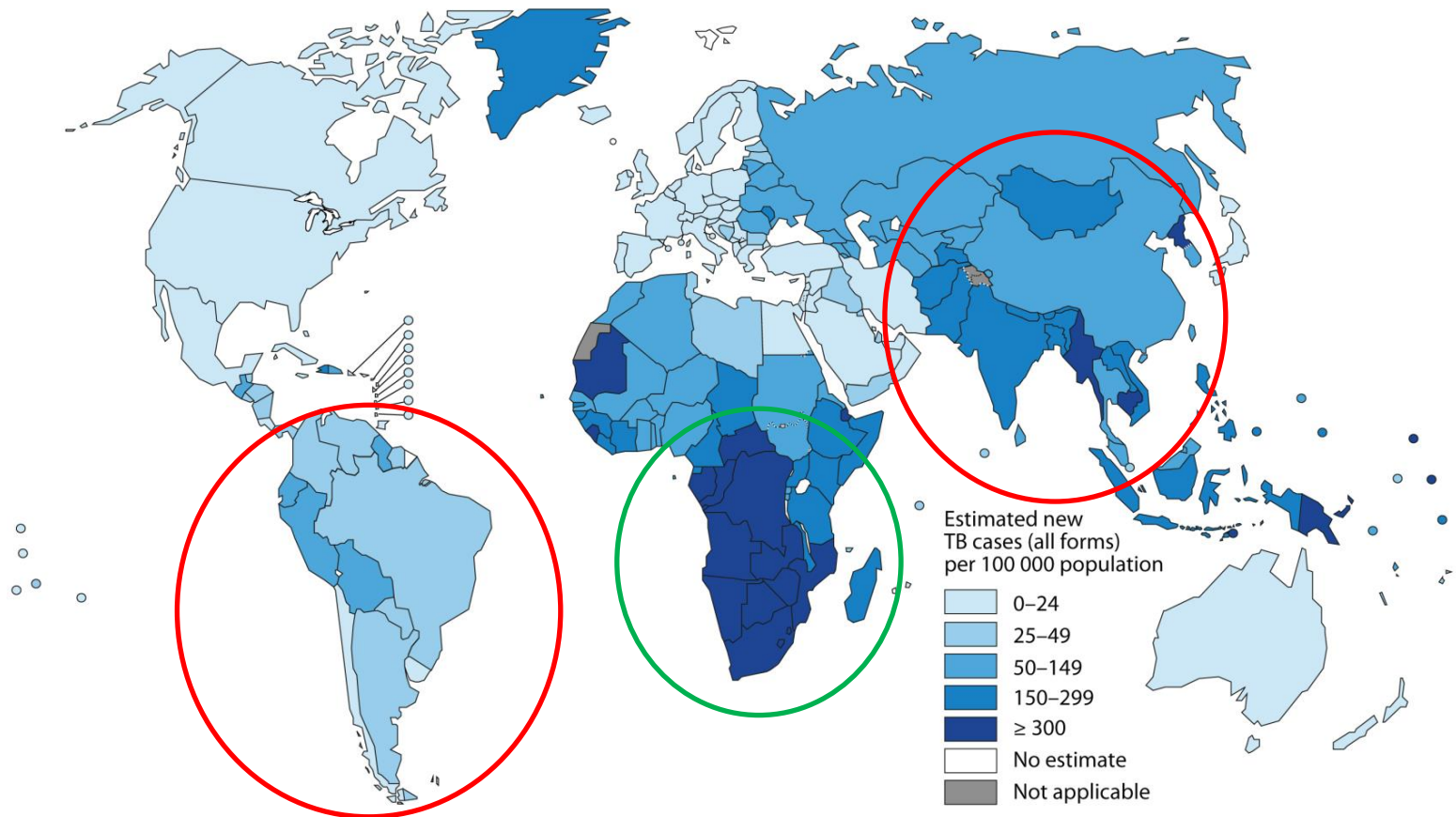
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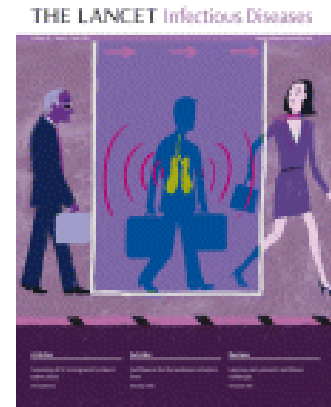
# Which migrant groups to screen: evidence from the United Kingdom

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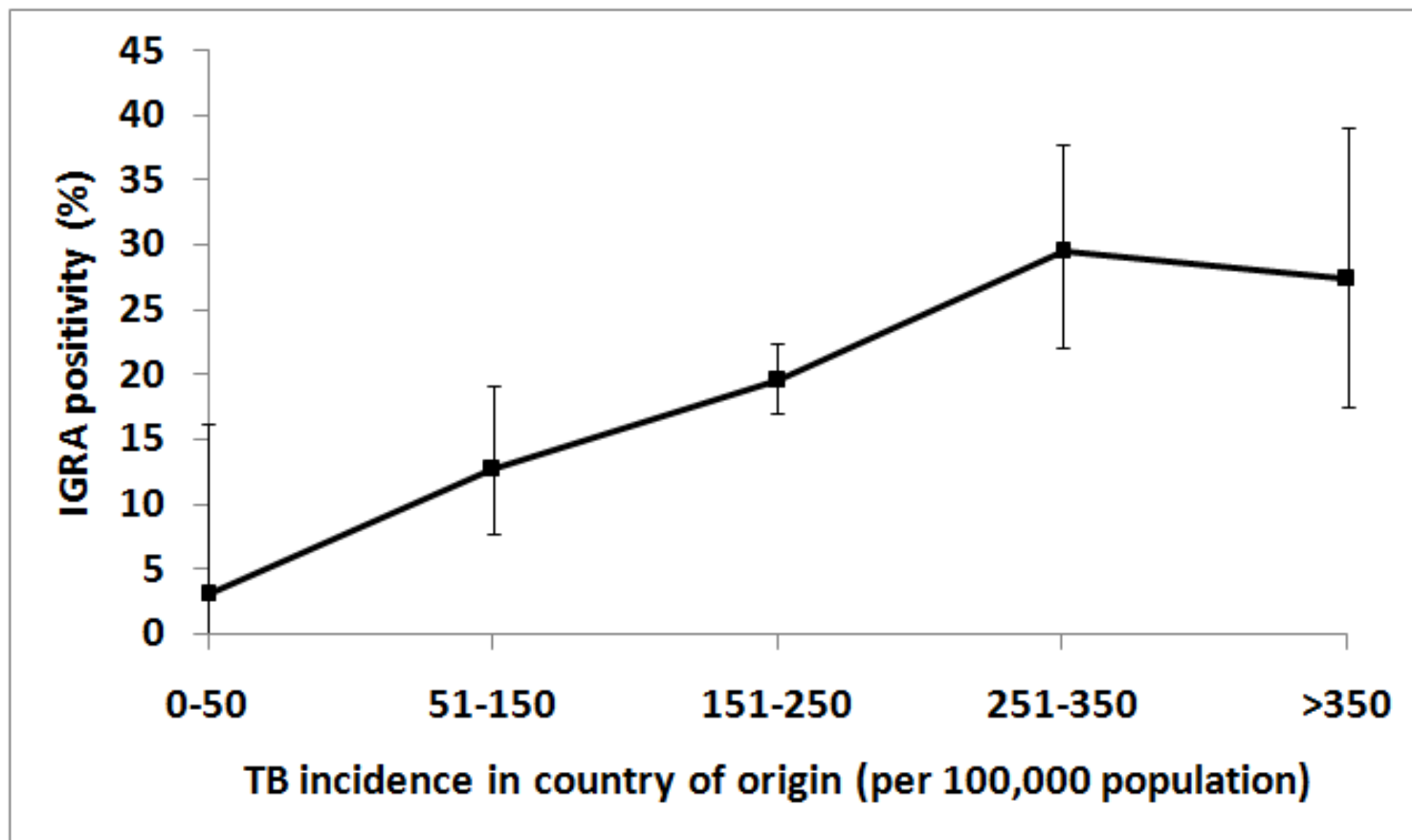


	Number in total cohort (n=1229)	Number of IGRA-positive individuals/total number tested (n=245)	Unadjusted OR (95% CI)	p value	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	p value
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16–25	589 (48%)	86/589 (15%)	0.7 (0.3–1.7)	..	0.9 (0.4–2.1)	..
26–35	604 (49%)	152/604 (25%)	1.4 (0.6–3.2)	..	1.7 (0.7–4.1)	..
<b>Sex</b>						
Female	629 (51%)	109/629 (17%)	1	0.02	1¶	0.046
Male	600 (49%)	136/600 (23%)	1.4 (1.1–1.9)	..	1.3 (1.0–1.8)	..
<b>Origin  </b>						
Europe, Americas	50 (4%)	2/50 (4%)	1	0.0011	..	..
Middle East, North Africa	26 (2%)	1/26 (4%)	1.0 (0.1–11.1)	..	..	..
Other Asia	162 (13%)	29/162 (18%)	5.2 (1.2–22.8)	..	..	..
Indian subcontinent	740 (60%)	144/740 (20%)	5.8 (1.4–24.1)	..	..	..
Sub-Saharan Africa	251 (20%)	69/251 (28%)	9.1 (2.2–38.5)	..	..	..
<b>Incidence of tuberculosis in country of origin (cases per 100 000 population per year)  </b>						
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251–350	139 (11%)	41/139 (30%)	13.0 (1.7–98.2)	..	13.3 (1.8–101.5)	..
>350	73 (6%)	20/73 (27%)	11.7 (1.5–91.5)	..	13.1 (1.7–102.7)	..
<b>BCG vaccinated?</b>						
No	113 (17%)	16/113 (14%)	1	0.17	..	..
Yes	544 (83%)	107/544 (20%)	1.5 (0.8–2.6)	..	..	..

IGRA=interferon- $\gamma$  release assay. OR=odds ratio. \*Of the 36 individuals aged <16 years, one (2.8%) was aged  $\leq$ 4 years, one (2.8%) was 5–9 years, and 34 (94.4%) were 10–15 years. † $\chi^2$  p for trend. ‡Mutually adjusted for sex and incidence of tuberculosis in country of origin. §p value denotes overall effect of age in the model. ¶Mutually adjusted for age and tuberculosis incidence in country of origin. ||Region of origin and tuberculosis incidence in country of origin were strongly correlated; therefore, in the multivariate analysis, region of origin was left out. \*\*Mutually adjusted for age and sex.

Table 1: Demographics of cohort and risk factors associated with IGRA positivity in immigrants

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Screening threshold for immigrants (annual incidence per 100,000)		Cases of active TB (over 20 years)	Costs over 20 years (2010 GB pounds)	ICER (GBP per TB case averted)
Under 16	16-35 years			
None	None	95.4	608,370.0	Baseline
40	500	91.9	678,586.5	Extended dominance
40	400	91.8	683,710.0	Strict dominance
40	450	91.7	683,267.9	Extended dominance
40	350	90.8	697,208.7	Extended dominance
40	300	87.1	761,431.6	Extended dominance
40	250	83.4	823,312.8	17,956.0
40	500 +SSA	82.2	850,103.1	Extended dominance
40	200	71.1	1,121,093.2	Extended dominance
40	150	54.2	1,431,928.5	20,818.8
40	100	53.7	1,456,820.1	Extended dominance
40	40	50.9	1,527,478.5	29,403.1
All	All	50.9	1,532,256.6	101,938.3

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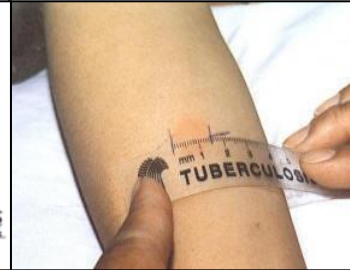
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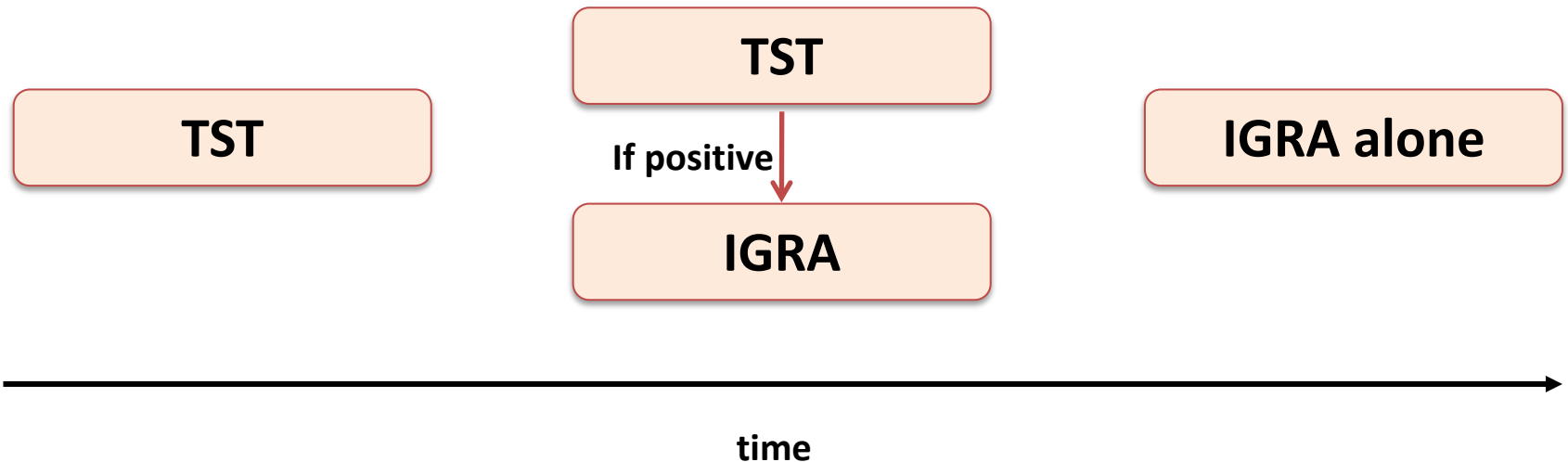
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# Methods of screening migrants are evolving but certain questions unanswered

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# Health-economics: Screening at intermediate threshold with single-step QuantiFERON Gold in-tube but without port-of-entry chest radiography most cost-effective

**Table 4** Projected cases of active tuberculosis (TB) and associated costs arising from undertaking immigrant screening using different screening tools at different screening thresholds (arranged in order of increasing effectiveness—ie, fewer cases of active TB) for a hypothetical cohort of 10 000 immigrants over a 20-year time horizon

CXR at port of arrival	Screening for LTBI		Cases of active TB (over 20 years)	Costs (£, 2010)	Incremental cases of active TB	Incremental costs (£, 2010)	ICER
	Screening tool	Screening threshold for immigrants (cases of TB/100 000 per year)					
No	None	None	100.5	659 609.4	Baseline	Baseline	Baseline
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Yes	TST	150	89.0	1 244 402.3	Strict dominance	Strict dominance	Strict dominance
No	T-SPOT.TB	200	88.2	1 171 831.5	Strict dominance	Strict dominance	Strict dominance
Yes	QFN	100	87.6	1 053 744.9	Extended dominance	Extended dominance	Extended dominance
Yes	TST	100	87.4	1 414 571.9	Strict dominance	Strict dominance	Strict dominance
No	T-SPOT.TB	100	86.6	1 266 562.0	Strict dominance	Strict dominance	Strict dominance
No	TST plus QFN	40	86.5	1 159 835.9	Strict dominance	Strict dominance	Strict dominance
No	TST plus T-SPOT.TB	40	85.5	1 296 098.2	Strict dominance	Strict dominance	Strict dominance
Yes	TST plus QFN	40	84.9	1 254 566.3	Strict dominance	Strict dominance	Strict dominance

- Health-economic model evaluated 70 different combinations of screening
- CXR at port of entry
- LTBI screening tool
- LTBI screening threshold

Results...

**Table 4** Continued

CXR at port of arrival	Screening for LTBI		Cases of active TB (over 20 years)	Costs (£, 2010)	Incremental cases of active TB	Incremental costs (£, 2010)	ICER
	Screening tool	Screening threshold for immigrants (cases of TB/100 000 per year)					
No	QFN	150	84.3	1 089 176.5	7.8	249 462.8	31 867.1
Yes	TST plus T-SPOT.TB	40	83.9	1 390 819.6	Strict dominance	Strict dominance	Strict dominance
No	TST	100	83.3	1 597 273.1	Strict dominance	Strict dominance	Strict dominance
No	T-SPOT.TB	150	83.0	1 408 873.0	Strict dominance	Strict dominance	Strict dominance
No	QFN	100	82.8	1 195 634.0	Strict dominance	Strict dominance	Strict dominance
Yes	QFN	150	82.7	1 183 906.9	Extended dominance	Extended dominance	Extended dominance
Yes	TST	40	81.7	1 692 003.5	Strict dominance	Strict dominance	Strict dominance
No	T-SPOT.TB	100	81.5	1 666 546.8	Strict dominance	Strict dominance	Strict dominance
Yes	T-SPOT.TB	150	81.4	1 603 803.4	Strict dominance	Strict dominance	Strict dominance
Yes	QFN	100	81.2	1 290 364.5	Extended dominance	Extended dominance	Extended dominance
Yes	T-SPOT.TB	100	79.9	1 761 277.3	Strict dominance	Strict dominance	Strict dominance
No	QFN	40	74.9	1 414 623.3	9.4	325 446.8	34 753.5
Yes	QFN	40	73.4	1 509 353.7	1.6	94 730.4	59 489.1
No	T-SPOT.TB	40	73.3	2 095 182.0	Extended dominance	Extended dominance	Extended dominance
Yes	T-SPOT.TB	40	71.7	2 189 912.4	1.7	680 558.7	402 421.8

# Screening at intermediate threshold with single-step QuantiFERON Gold in-tube but without port-of-entry chest radiography most cost-effective

Chest radiography	Screening tool(s)	Screening threshold (per 100,000)	Cases of active TB (over 20 years)	Costs over 20 years (2010 GB pounds)	ICER (GBP per TB case averted)
No	None	None	100.5	659,609.4	Baseline
No	QFN-GIT	250	92.1	839,713.7	21,565.3
No	QFN-GIT	150	84.3	1,089,176.5	31,867.1
No	QFN-GIT	40	74.9	1,414,623.3	34,753.5
Yes	QFN-GIT	40	73.4	1,509,353.7	59,489.1
Yes	T-SPOT.TB	40	71.7	2,189,912.4	402,421.8



# Cost-effectiveness of migrant screening for latent tuberculosis: how to screen?

Author	Year	Location	Tools assessed	Incidence threshold assessed	Empirical data	Model type (Decision-analysis (DA) or Markov (M))	Assessment of cost-effectiveness	Conclusion on cost-effectiveness
Schwartzman	2000	Canada	CXR and TST	No	No	DA and M	\$/ active TB case averted	CXR
NICE	2006	UK	TST, IGRA, TST+IGRA	Yes	No	DA	£/QALY loss averted	TST+IGRA
Oxlade	2007	Canada	CXR, TST, IGRA	No	No	DA	\$/ active TB case averted	CXR
NICE	2011	UK	TST, IGRA, TST+IGRA	No	No	DA	£/QALY loss averted	TST+IGRA or IGRA
Pareek	2011	UK	IGRA	Yes	Yes	DA	\$/ active TB case averted	IGRA
Linás	2011	USA	TST vs IGRA	No	No	M	\$/Life year gained	IGRA
Pareek	2012	UK	TST, IGRA, TST+IGRA	Yes	Yes	DA	\$/ active TB case averted	IGRA

# Cost-effectiveness of migrant screening for latent tuberculosis: how to screen?

Author	Year	Location	Tools assessed	Incidence threshold assessed	Empirical data	Model type (Decision-analysis (DA) or Markov (M))	Assessment of cost-effectiveness	Conclusion on cost-effectiveness

**Use single-step IGRA**

**Little data on which IGRA to use**

Pareek	2011	UK	IGRA	Yes	Yes	DA	\$/ active TB case averted	IGRA
Linás	2011	USA	TST vs IGRA	No	No	M	\$/Life year gained	IGRA
Pareek	2012	UK	TST, IGRA, TST+IGRA	Yes	Yes	DA	\$/ active TB case averted	IGRA

# Cost-effectiveness of migrant screening for latent tuberculosis: where to screen?

Author	Year	Location	Aim of study/analysis	Tools assessed	Empirical data	Model type (Decision-analysis (DA) or Markov (M))	Assessment of cost-effectiveness
Dasgupta	2000	Canada	Compare CXR and TST in screening migrants	CXR and TST	Yes	DA and M	\$/ active TB case averted
Schwartzman	2000	Canada	Compare CXR and TST in screening migrants from hypothetical high, medium and low TB burden settings	CXR and TST	No	DA and M	\$/ active TB case averted
Khan	2002	USA	Compare TST versus no screening for latent TB in recent migrants from different world regions	TST vs No screening	No	DA	\$/ active TB case averted
NICE	2006	UK	Compare no screening versus TST, IGRA or TST+IGRA as screening tools for latent TB in recent migrants	TST, IGRA, TST+IGRA	No	DA	£/QALY loss averted
Oxlade	2007	Canada	Compare no screening versus TST, IGRA or TST+IGRA as screening tools for latent TB in recent migrants	CXR, TST, IGRA, TST+IGRA	No	DA	\$/ active TB case averted
NICE	2011	UK	Compare no screening versus TST, IGRA or TST+IGRA as screening tools for latent TB in recent migrants	TST, IGRA, TST+IGRA	No	DA	£/QALY loss averted
Pareek	2011	UK	Compare no screening versus IGRA screening at different incidence thresholds	IGRA	Yes	DA	£/ active TB case averted
Linan	2011	USA	Compare no screening vs TST, IGRA or TST+IGRA as screening tools for latent TB in migrants	TST vs IGRA	No	M	\$/Life year gained
Pareek	2012	UK	Compare no screening versus TST, IGRA or TST+IGRA as screening tools for latent TB in recent migrants. Assessment of screening threshold and where to screen also.	TST, IGRA, TST+IGRA	Yes	DA	\$/ active TB case averted

# Cost-effectiveness of migrant screening for latent tuberculosis: where to screen?

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Author	Year	Location	Type of data	Screening locational assessed	Conclusion
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**Screen post-arrival  
Community-based setting**

# Sensitivity analysis: cost-effectiveness highly determined by certain parameters

Author	Year	Location	Parameters which make migrant screening more cost-effective
Dasgupta	2000	Canada	Increased risk of future disease, higher levels of compliance with medication
Schwartzman	2000	Canada	Higher prevalence of latent TB and HIV, prescription and completion of chemoprophylaxis
Khan	2002	USA	Incidence of tuberculosis
NICE	2006	UK	Prevalence of latent TB and rate of reactivation
Oxlade	2007	Canada	Rate of reactivation and completion of chemoprophylaxis
NICE	2011	UK	Prevalence of latent TB and rate of reactivation
Pareek	2011	UK	Prevalence of latent TB and rate of reactivation
Linas	2011	USA	Rate of reactivation
Pareek	2012	UK	Prevalence of latent TB and rate of reactivation

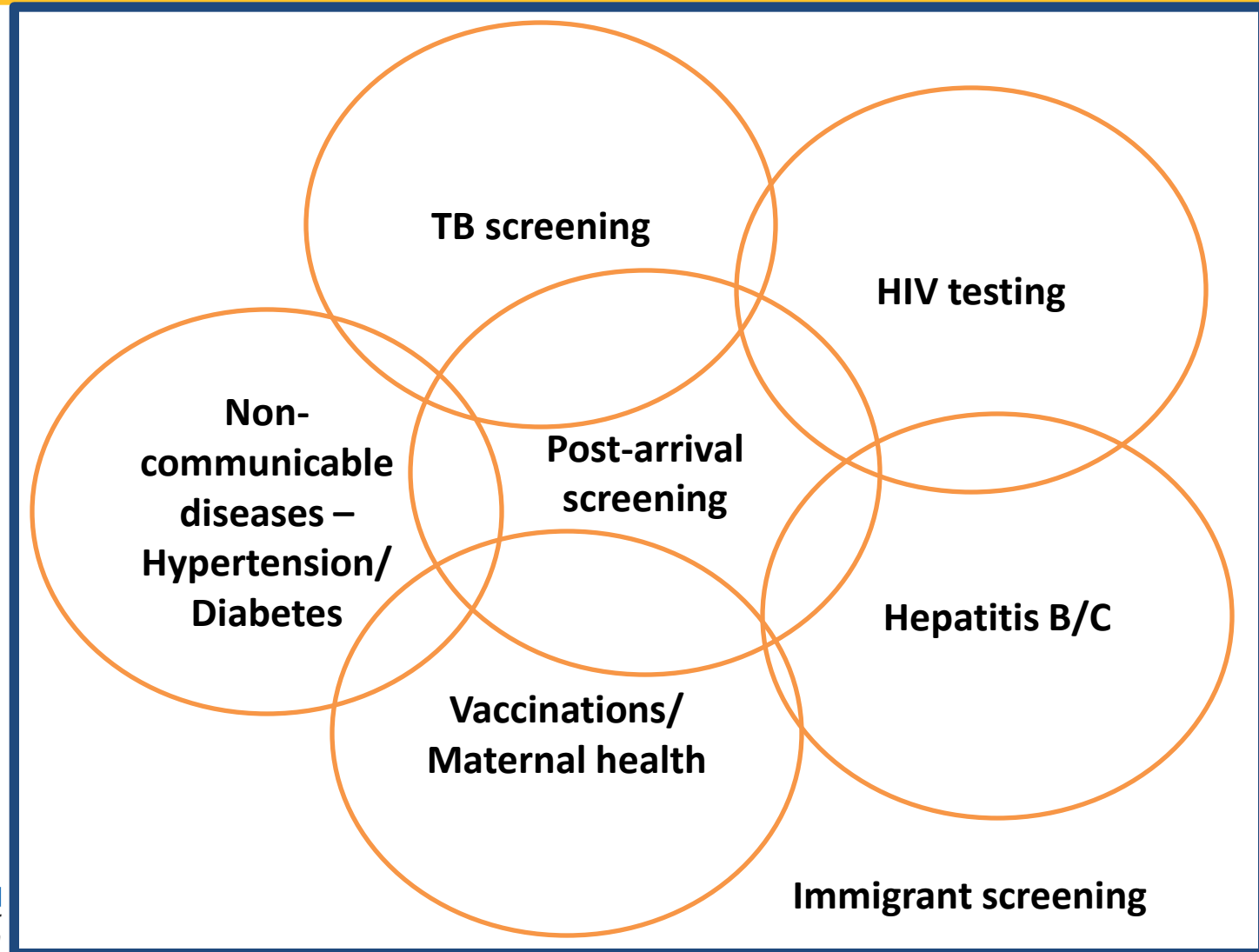
# Sensitivity analysis: cost-effectiveness highly determined by certain parameters

Author	Year	Location	Parameters which make migrant screening more cost-effective
Pareek	2009	Canada	Increased risk of future disease, higher levels of compliance with medication

**Prevalence of latent TB, reactivation rate and operational factors affect cost-effectiveness most significantly**

Pareek	2011	UK	Prevalence of latent TB and rate of reactivation
Linac	2011	USA	Rate of reactivation
Pareek	2012	UK	Prevalence of latent TB and rate of reactivation

# Post-arrival, community-based screening facilitates wider migrant health programmes



# Areas for further research

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- **Data on prevalence of latent TB in wide range of migrants**
- **Data on the natural history of TB in migrants**
  - **Reactivation rates**
- **Age cut-offs for screening**
- **How to operationalise screening**
- **Acceptability of screening to migrants**
- **Completion rates for chemoprophylaxis**



# Concluding statements

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- **Foreign-born individuals disproportionately bear the TB burden in high-income countries**
- **Reactivation of latent TB important**
- **Migrant screening likely to comprise multiple elements**
  - **Pre-arrival screening for active TB**
  - **Targeted post arrival screening for LTBI**
    - **Migrants from intermediate/high burden settings**
    - **Single-step IGRA**
- **Further research required in this area**

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