

Considering population level impact in prioritizing profiles of novel TB drugs

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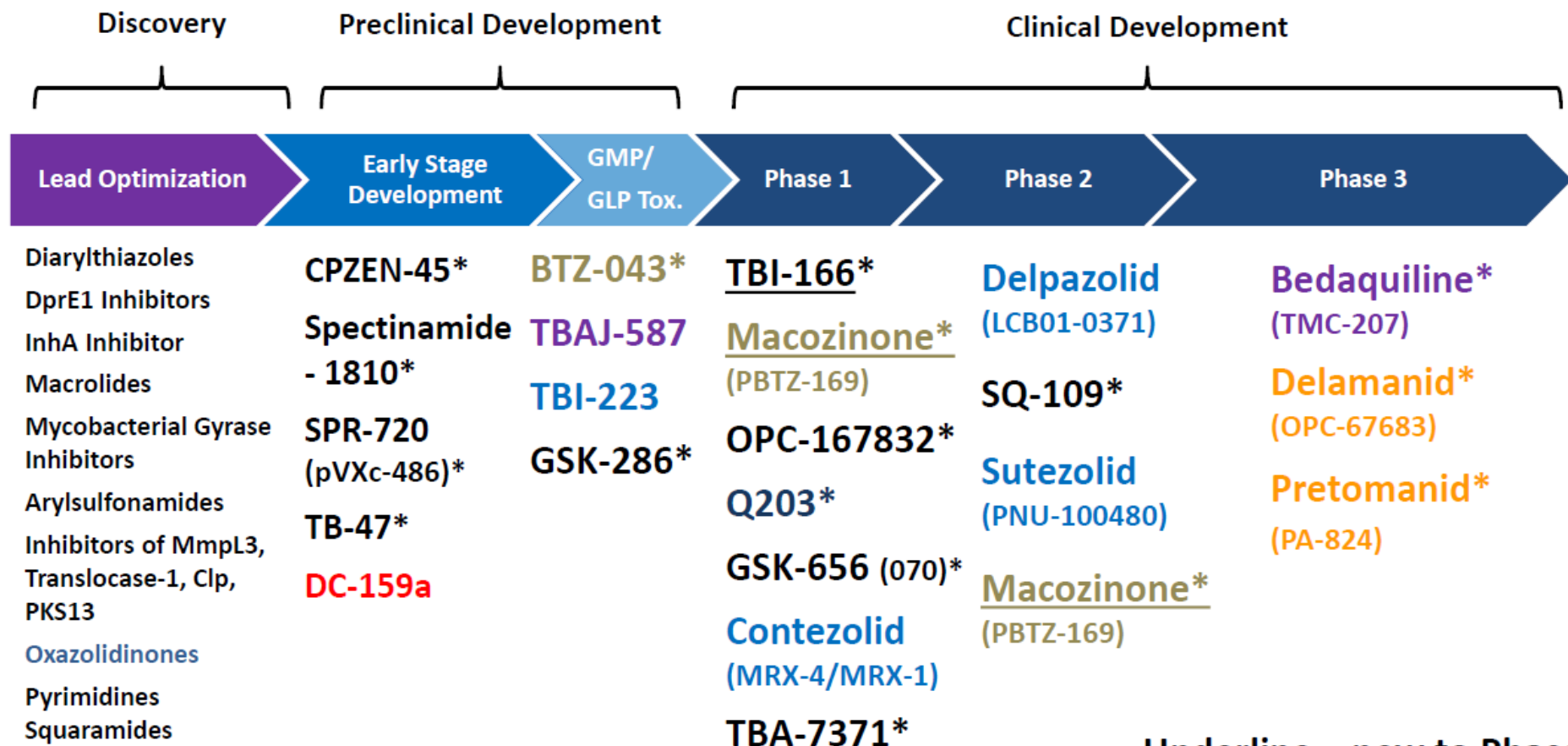
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*New chemical class. Known chemical classes for any indication are color coded: fluoroquinolone, rifamycin, oxazolidinone, nitroimidazole, diarylquinoline, benzothiazinone, imidazopyridine amide.

¹ New Molecular Entities not yet approved, being developed for TB or only conditionally approved for TB. Showing most advanced stage reported for each. Details for projects listed can be found at

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Ongoing projects without a lead compound series identified can be viewed at

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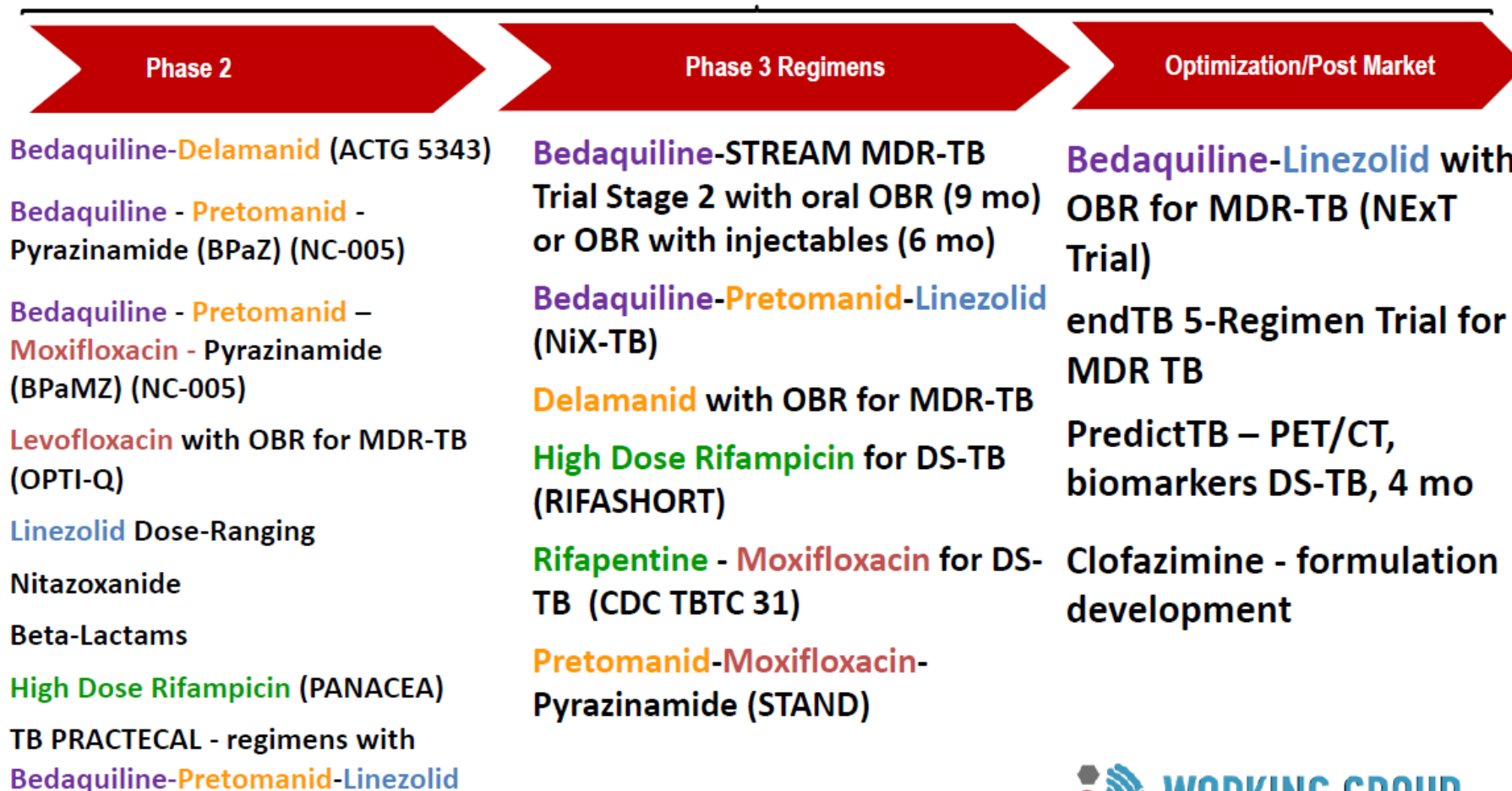
Underline = new to Phase since October 2017

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2018 Global TB Drug and Regimen Clinical Research¹

Ongoing Clinical Development Research: Strategy/Optimization/Regimen Development



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¹ Strategy trials, regimen development, open label, repurposed drug studies. Details for projects listed can be found at <http://www.newtbdrugs.org/pipeline/clinical>

² OBR = Optimized Background Regimen



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Which drugs should be prioritized for development?

What can population-level modeling tell us?

Drugs for TB treatment

- What population-level impact can they have?

- What characteristics matter?

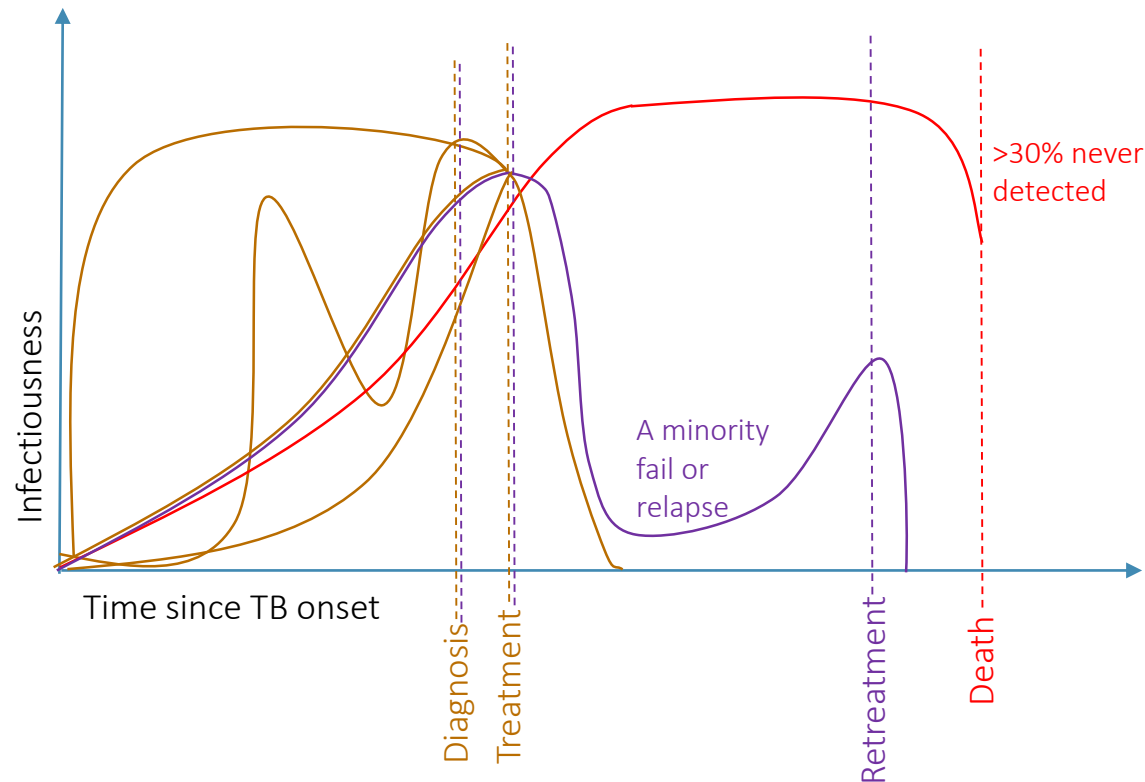
How could drugs achieve greater impact?

- Drugs and product profiles for prevention

- Can drugs help transform treatment delivery?

What population level impact can better TB treatment have?

How much of all TB morbidity, mortality, or transmission are from people who have started treatment?



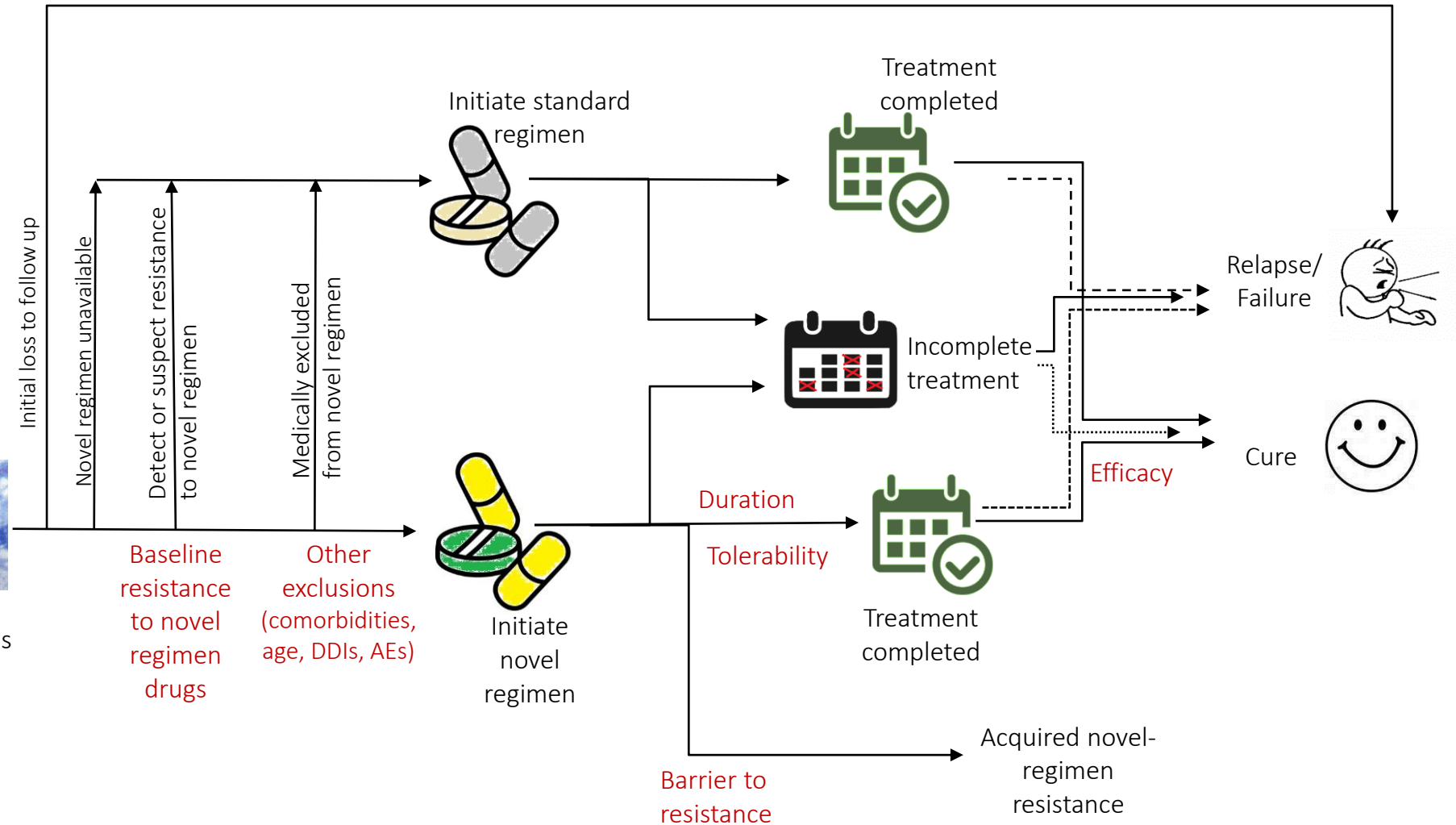
- In simple transmission models, ideal first-line regimens reduce TB incidence <10% (e.g. Kendall et al, Plos Med 2017)
- Impact of DR-TB regimens is greater, but also plateaus

Progression to TB disease

Contact with health system

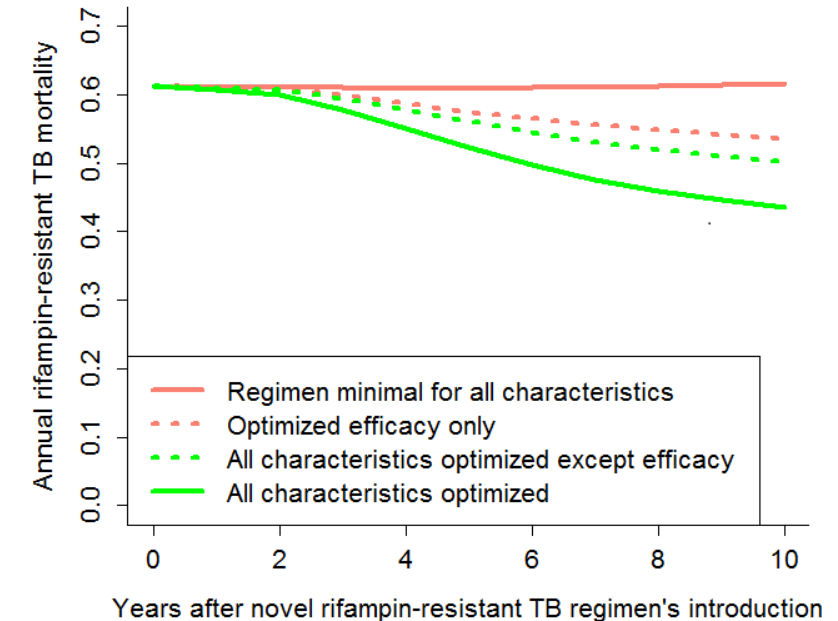
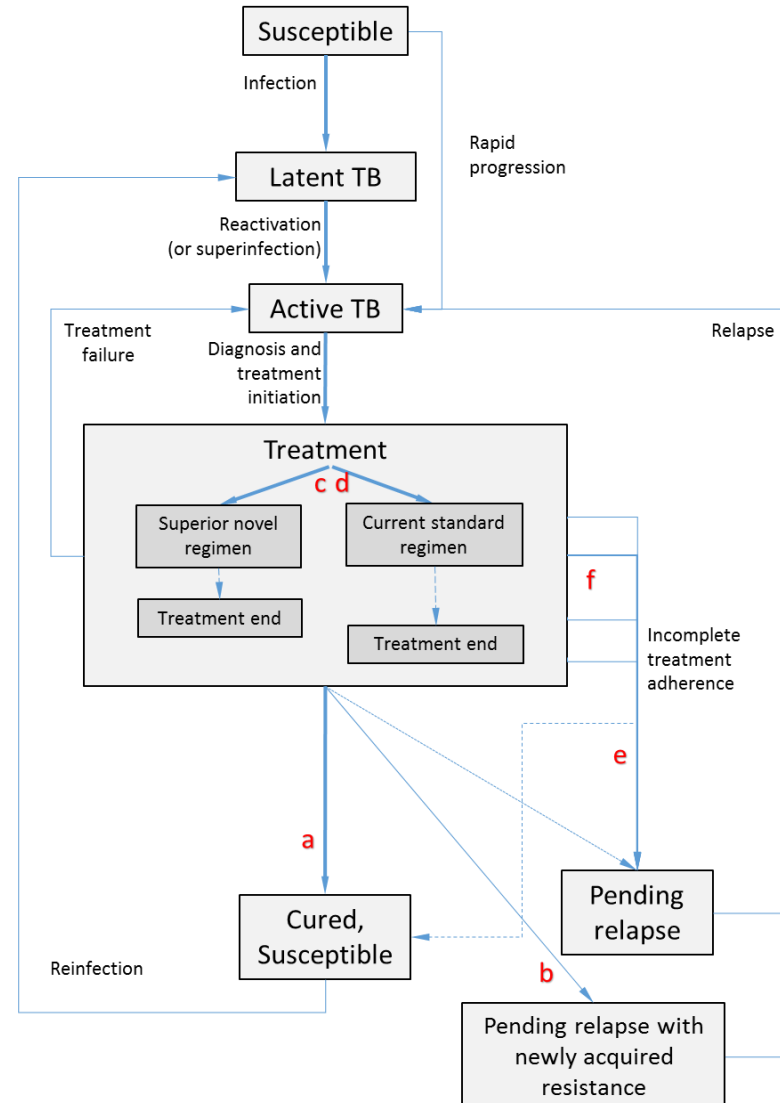
TB diagnosis

TB infection

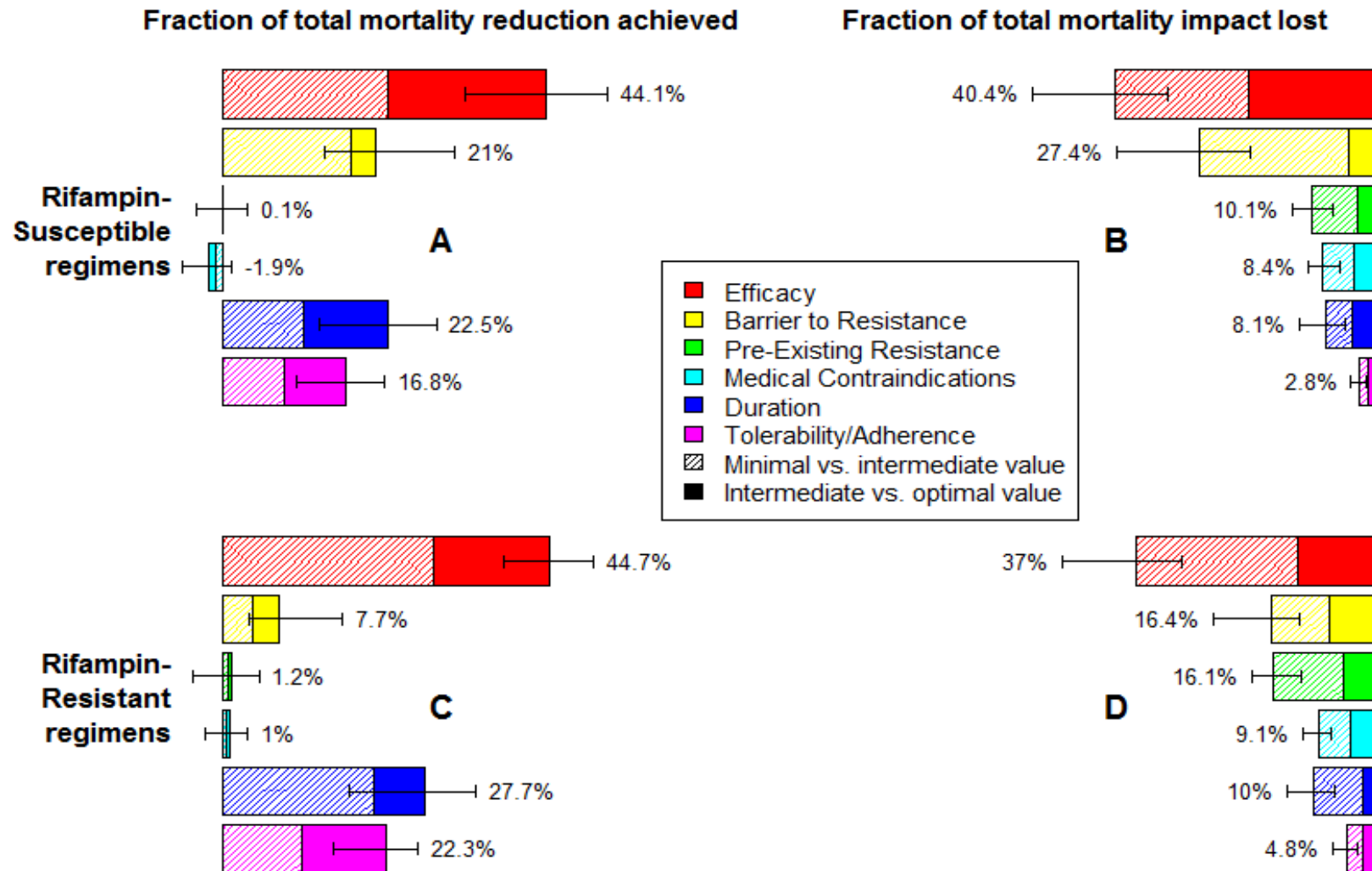


Methods: Regimen characteristics and transmission model

Regimen characteristic	Values in Novel RS-TB regimen	Values in Novel RR-TB regimen
a. Efficacy (% cured if susceptible and completed tx)	94% 97% 99%	76% 88% 94%
b. New drug resistance_acquisition	1 in 20 1 in 125 ~0	1 in 10 1 in 20 1 in 125
c. Baseline resistance to regimen	10% 3% 0%	15% 5% 0%
d. Other exclusions from regimen eligibility	11% 5% 0%	11% 5% 0%
e. Duration of treatment	6mo 4mo 2mo	20mo 9mo 6mo
f. Tolerability/Improved Adherence	0% 25% 50%	0% 25% 50%



Results



Implication: Novel regimen efficacy is key – Even when the differences are too small to feasibly measure.

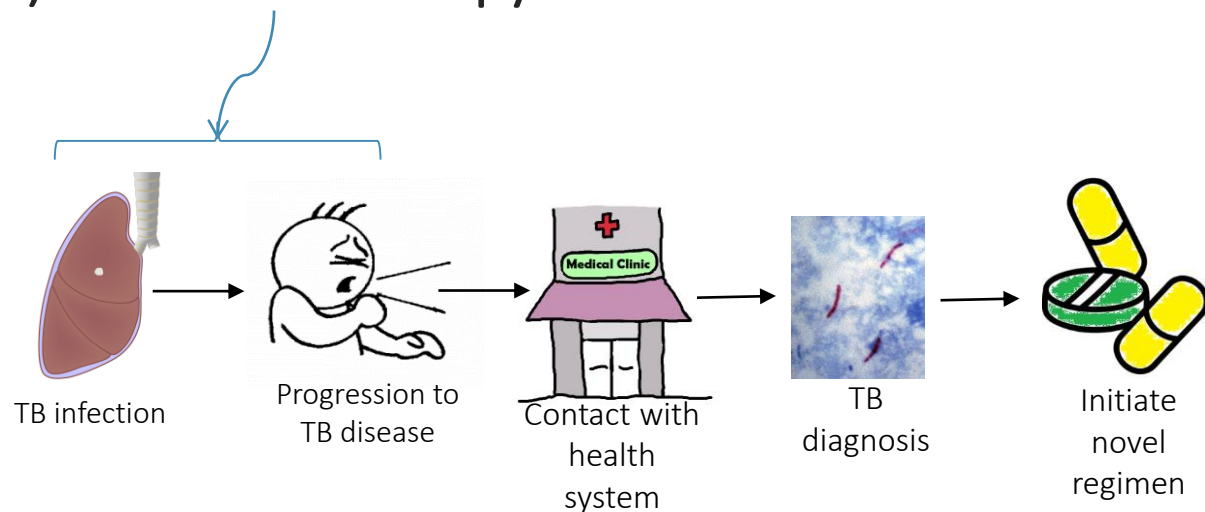
Limitations:

- Assumption of constant infectiousness
- Consideration of only “direct” effects (no resource reallocation)

How could drugs achieve greater impact?

For drugs to have a transformative impact on TB epidemics, their reach must expand.

1) Preventive therapy



Prioritizing target profiles of preventive therapy

What characteristics would we evaluate and model?

1) Operational characteristics

- Duration
- Ease of administration and adherence
- Breadth of eligibility

2) Efficacy – e.g. reduction in incident TB risk as measured in clinical trials

- Also, different mechanisms of the same measured efficacy?

Teasing out components of preventive therapy efficacy

The same measured effect size can have multiple mechanisms:

		Type of effect		Relevant to generalizability of efficacy between settings
		On pre-existing latent infection	On new TB exposure	
Duration of effect	Short	Temporary suppression of reactivation	Brief drug activity (e.g. potent one-time dose)	Important where rate of re-infection is high
	Long	Durable/permanent cure of LTBI	Persistent drug activity (e.g. injectable/implantable/long-half-life drug)	

Relevant to decisions about treatment duration e.g. continuous IPT

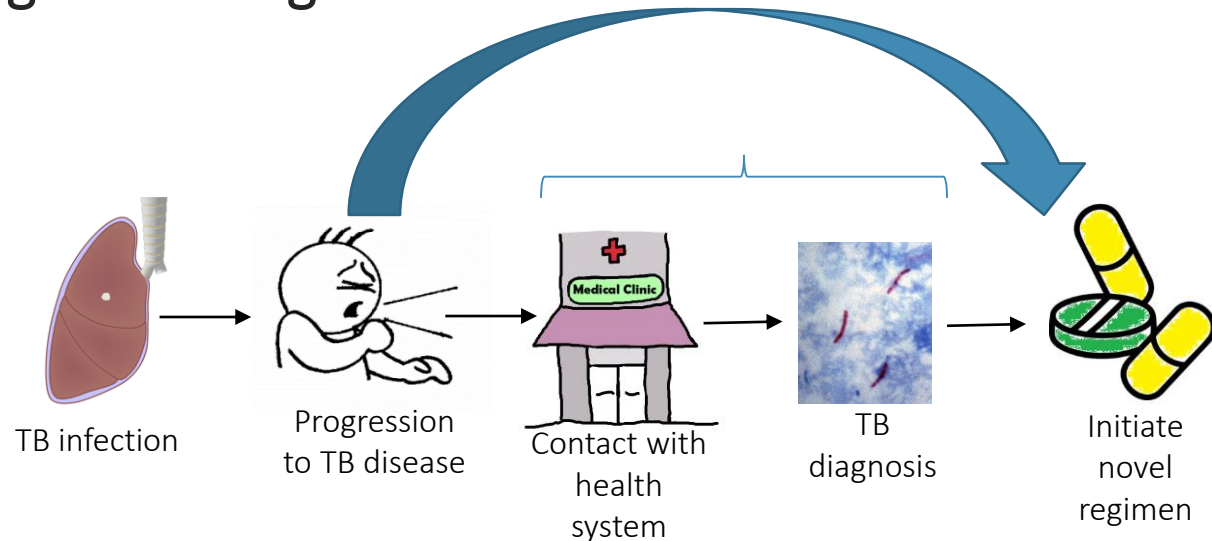
Important over longer follow up

Distinguishing and prioritizing these contributions will involve both modeling and empirical study.

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- 2) Operational game-changers



What regimen characteristics could allow for wider and earlier treatment?

Safe

Easy

Short

Cheap

Universal

Could better drugs facilitate massive shifting of resources to active case finding and immediate treatment?

Summary

Models of population-level impact can help set priorities for TB drug development.
For treatment regimens, efficacy appears critical to impact.
But the maximum impact of better treatment regimens is limited by late diagnosis.

Modeling could also help set priorities for development of preventive therapies.
Distinguishing mechanisms of observed effects may be important here.

Future modeling should also consider indirect effects – Could drugs with certain characteristics help facilitate earlier diagnosis and wider reach of treatment?