

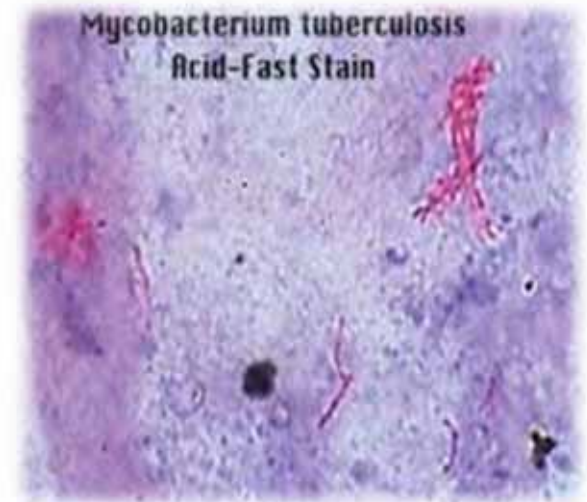


Tuberculosis in Mauritius

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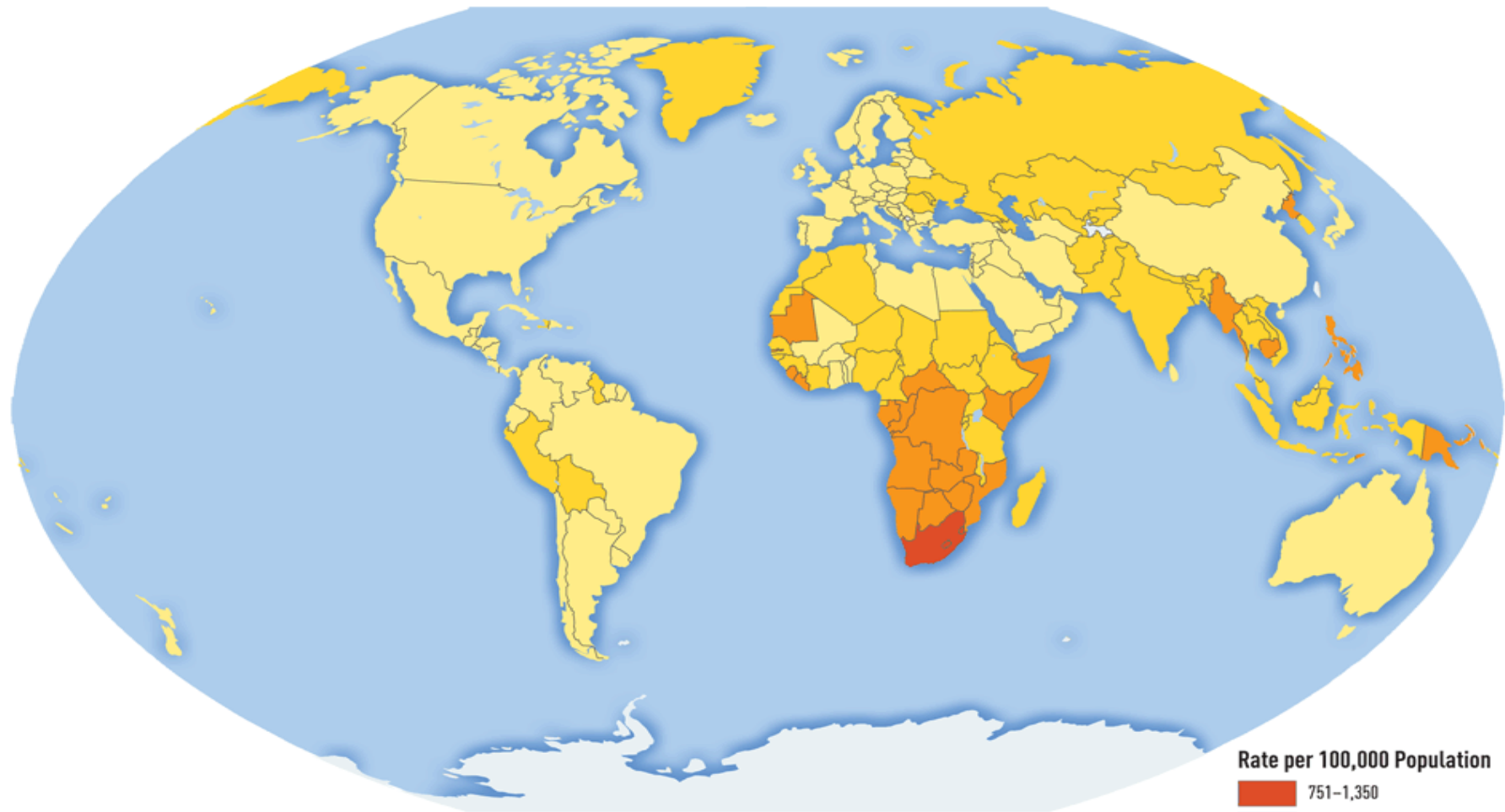
Robert Koch (1843-1910) and.....



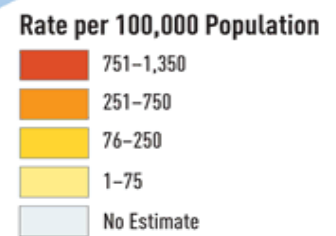
Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine in 1905

.....yet Worldwide in 2014

- 9.6 million people were estimated to have fallen ill with TB
- 12% of the 9.6 million new TB cases were HIV-positive
- TB now annually causes more deaths than HIV: 1.5 million TB-related deaths



Estimated tuberculosis incidence rates, 2012



WHO End TB Strategy

- From 2016, the goal is to end the global TB epidemic by implementing the End TB Strategy with specific targets:
 - i) to reduce the number of TB deaths by 90% by 2030 (compared with 2015 levels)
 - ii) cut new cases by 80% and ensure that no family is burdened with catastrophic costs due to TB



TB Hard Facts

- Someone in the world is newly infected with TB every second
- Nearly 1% of the world's population is newly infected with TB each year
- 1/3 of the world's population is currently infected with the TB bacillus
- But only 5-10% of people who are infected with TB (but who are not infected with HIV) become sick or infectious at some time during their life

Burden of TB in Mauritius 2015

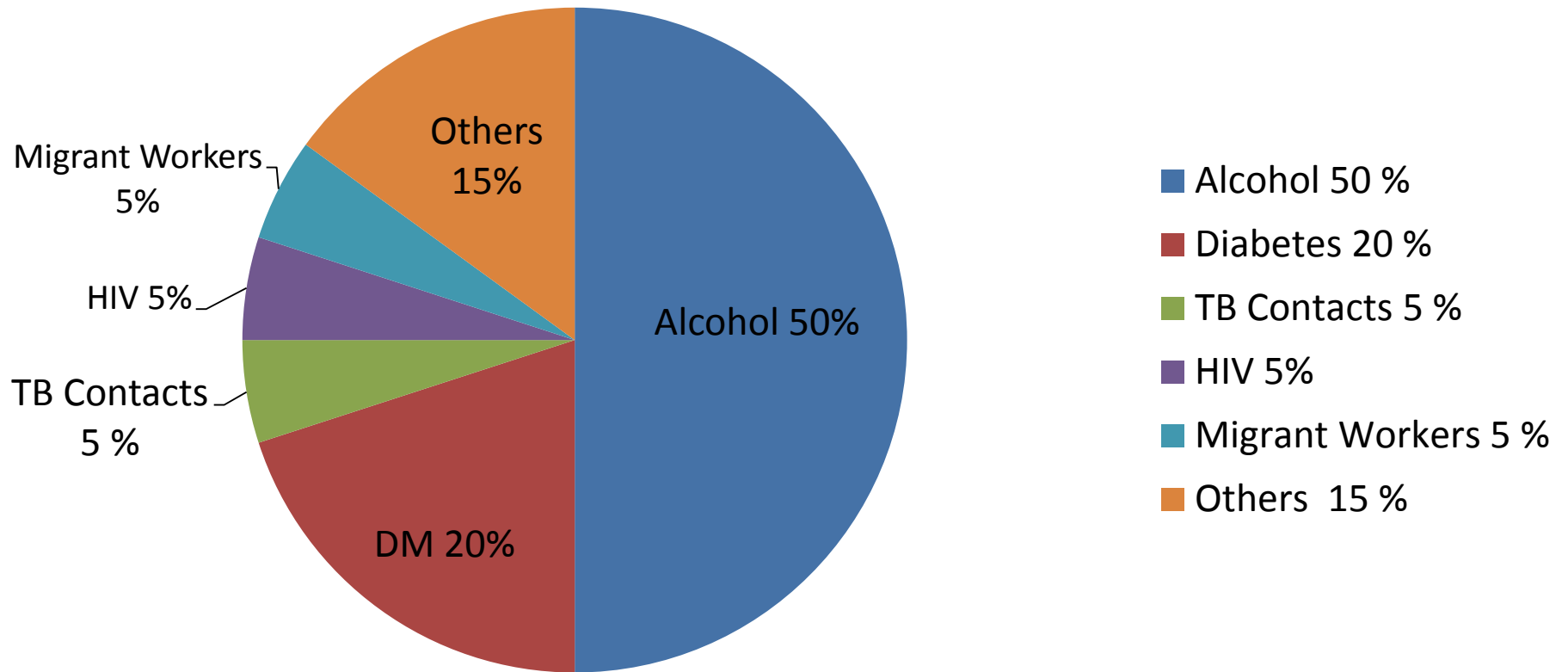
- Low burden country
- Incidence rate: 9.8 per 100,000 pop
- Total number of TB cases notified: 127
- No. of TB/HIV co-infection cases: 14
- Foreigners: 25
- Extrapulmonary TB: 10
- MDR TB: 1
- No. of TB Deaths: 8



TB comorbidities and risk factors

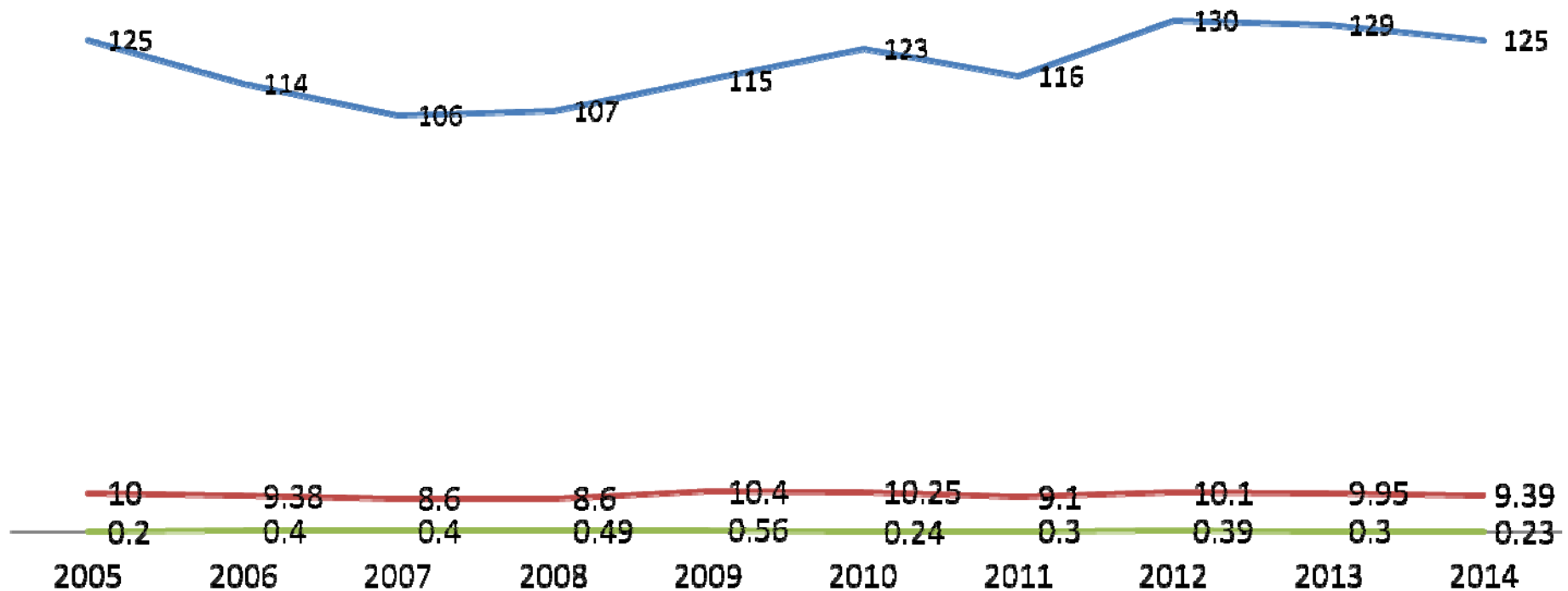
- HIV: PLHIV are from 26-31 times more likely to develop TB than persons without HIV
- Diabetes: Diabetes \times 3 the risk of TB
- Nutrition: Malnutrition \uparrow the risk of TB and TB can lead to malnutrition
- Tobacco smoking: \uparrow risk of TB 2-3 fold, and is associated with poor TB treatment results
- Harmful use of alcohol: \uparrow the risk of TB \times 3

Risk factors predisposing to TB in Mauritius

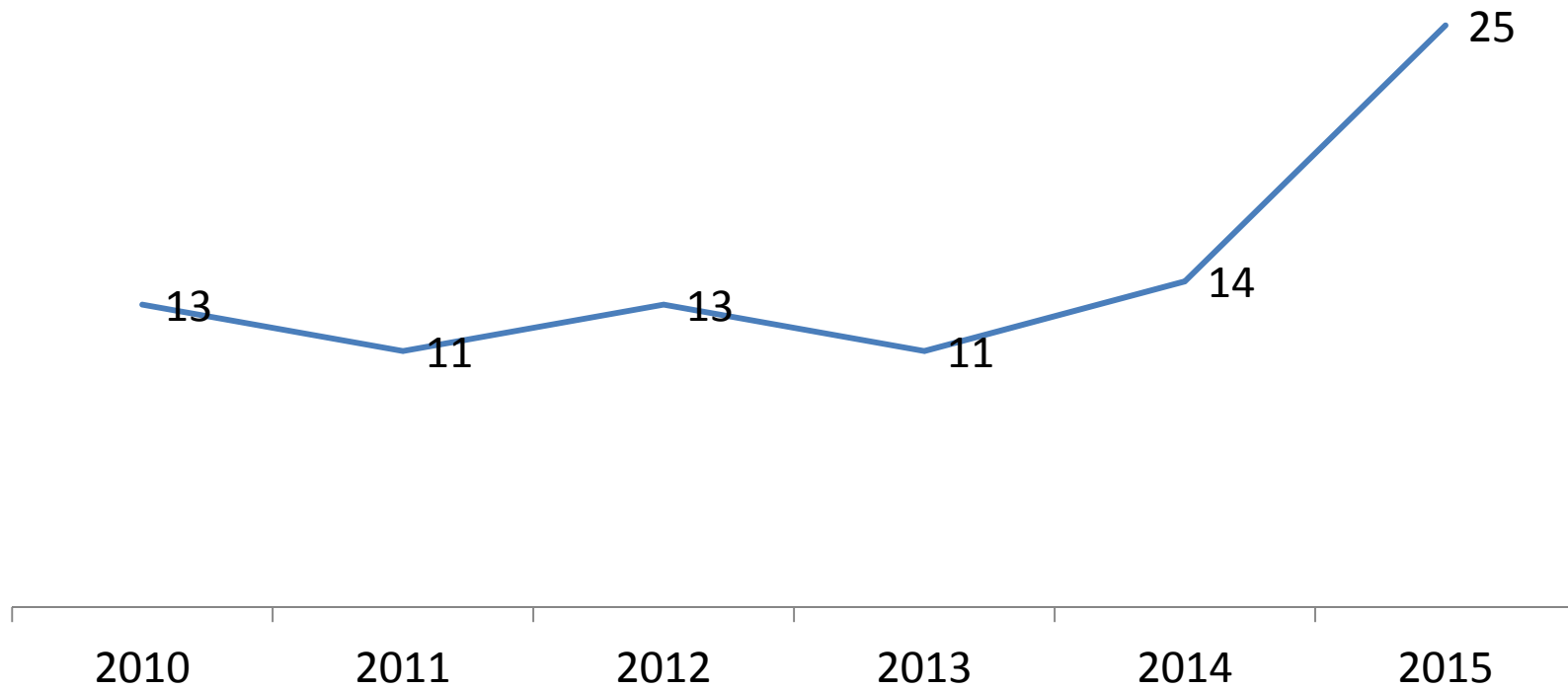


Trends in Total no. of TB cases, Incidence Rate and Mortality Rate (2005-2014)

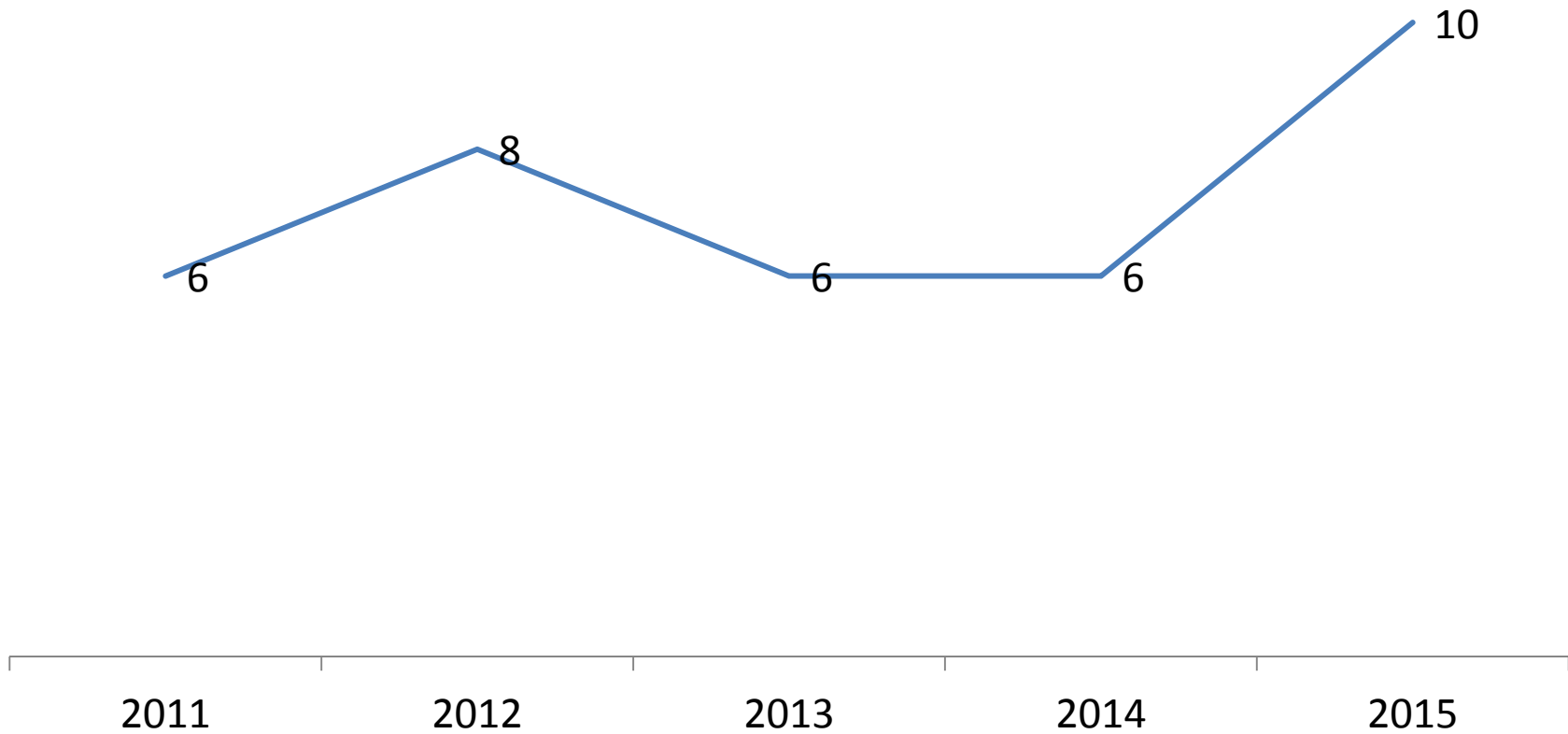
— No of Notified TB cases — Incidence of TB — Mortality/100,000 pop.



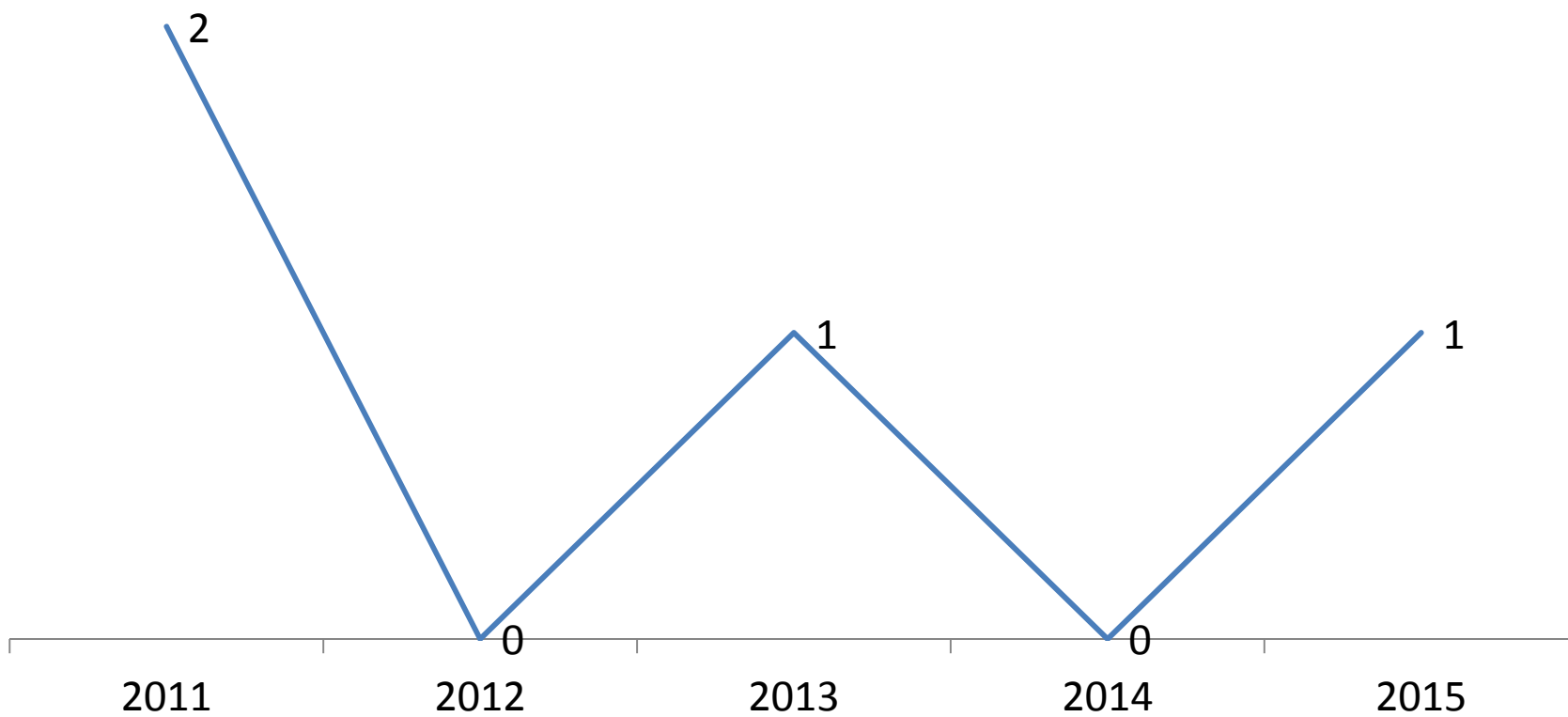
Trend of foreigners with TB



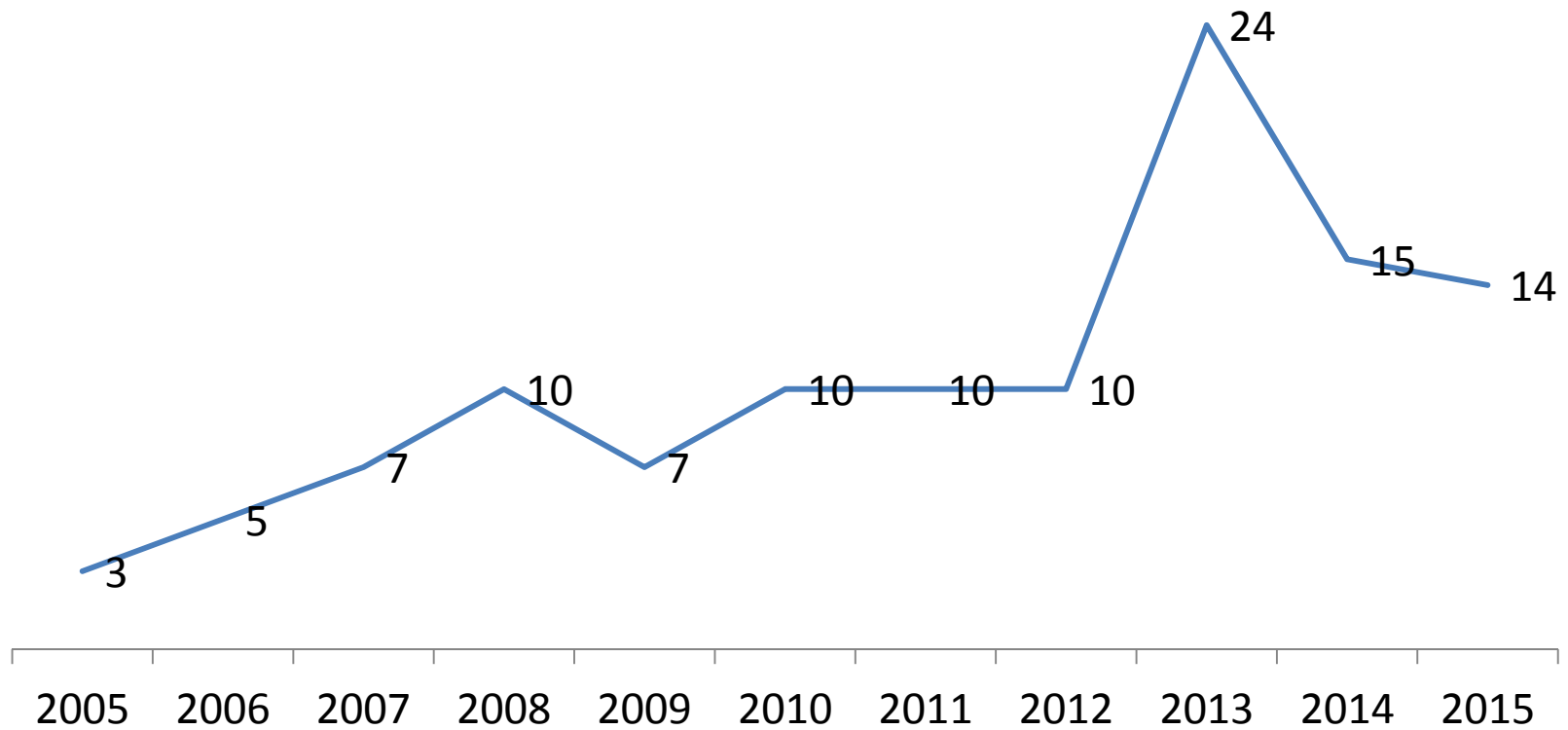
Extrapulmonary TB



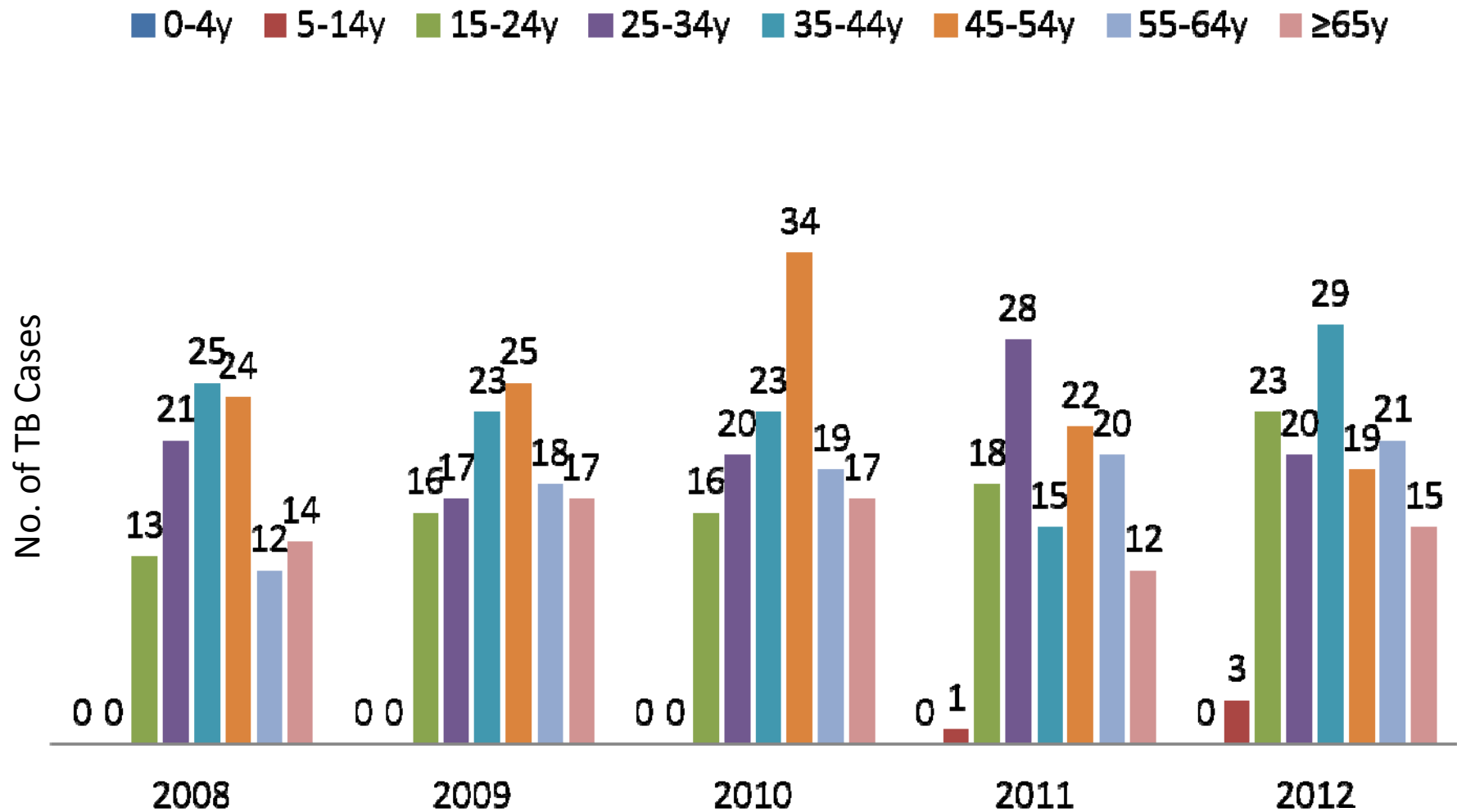
MDR TB



Trend in No. of TB/HIV cases

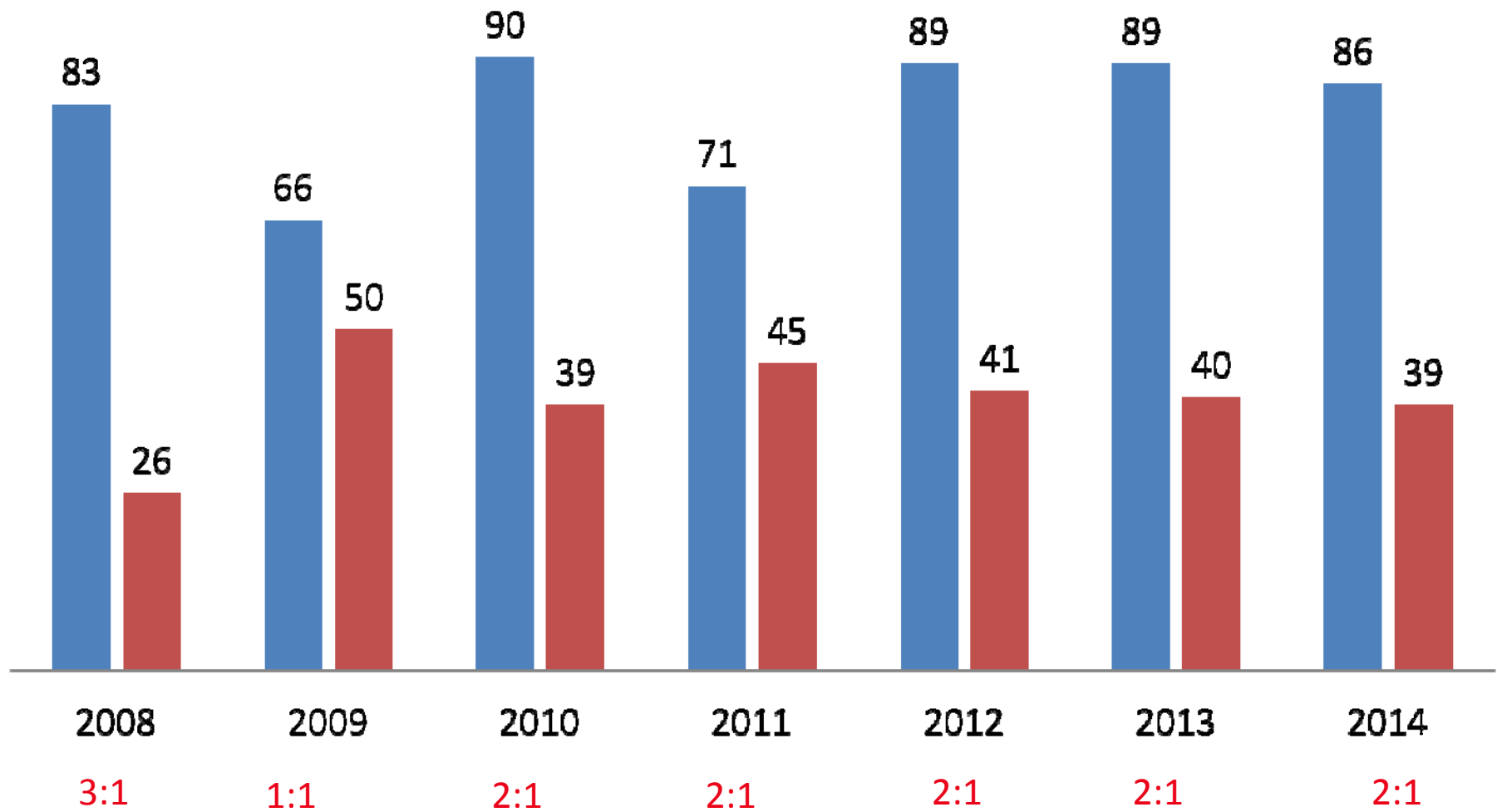


Age distribution of TB cases, 2008-2012

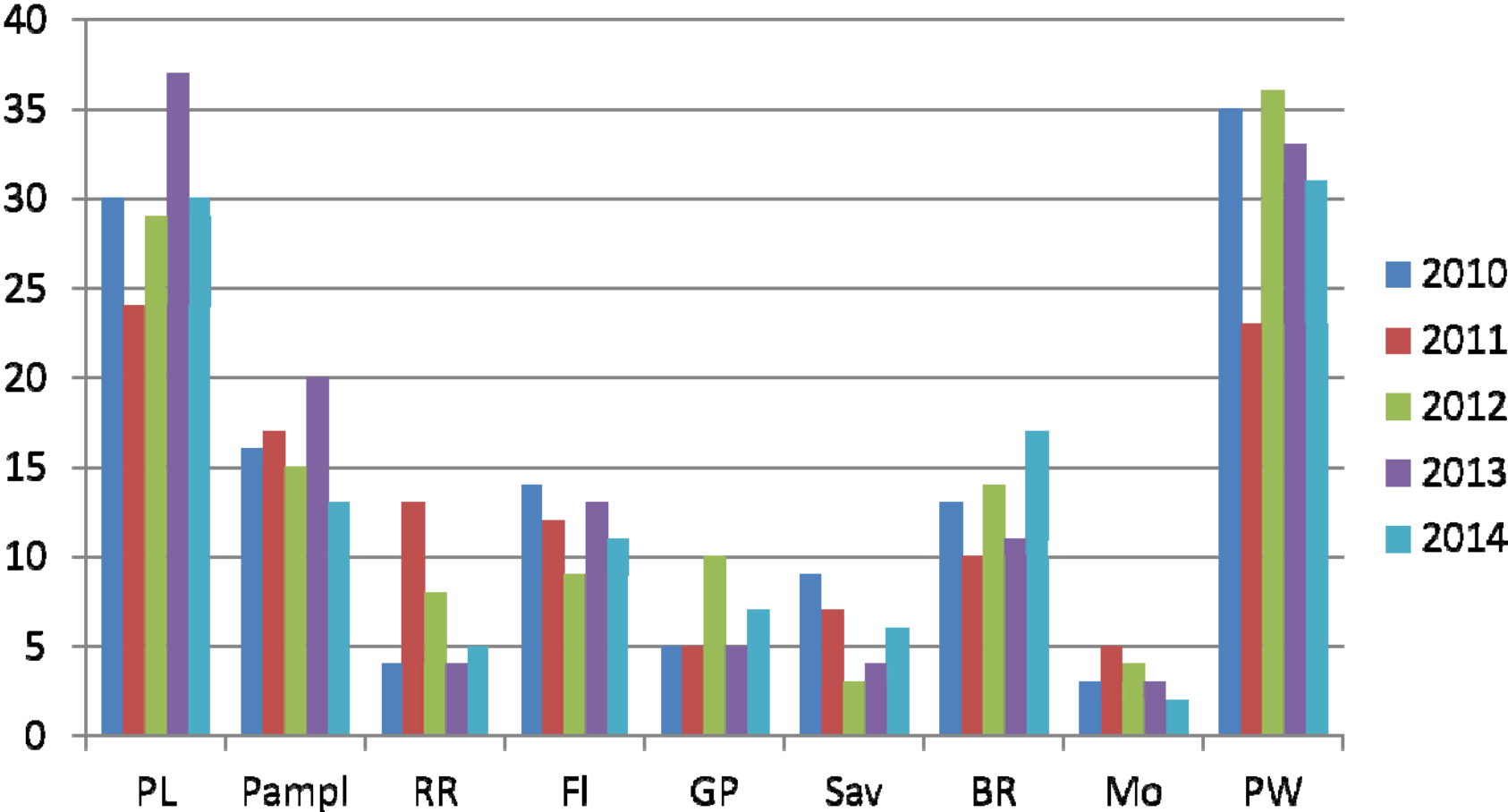


Sex distribution of TB Cases, 2008-2012

■ Male ■ Female



Distribution of TB cases District-wise (2010-2014)





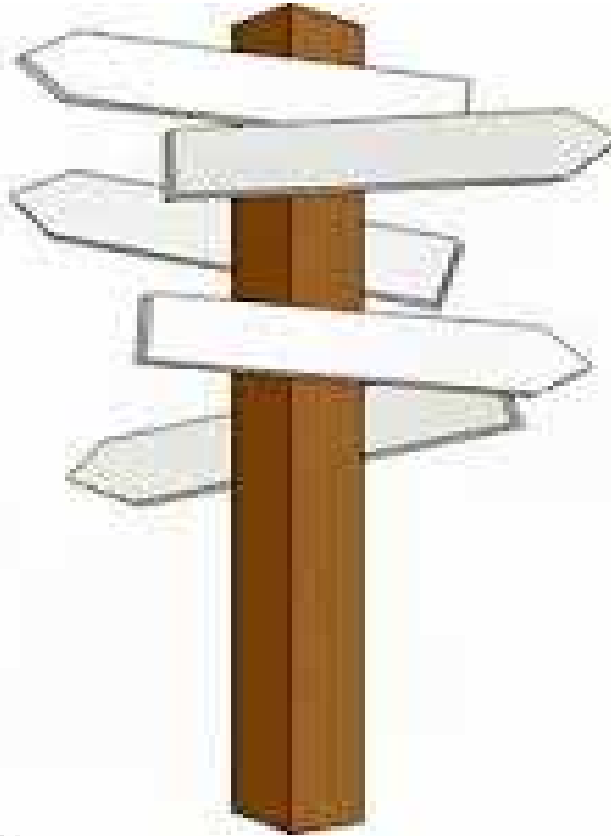
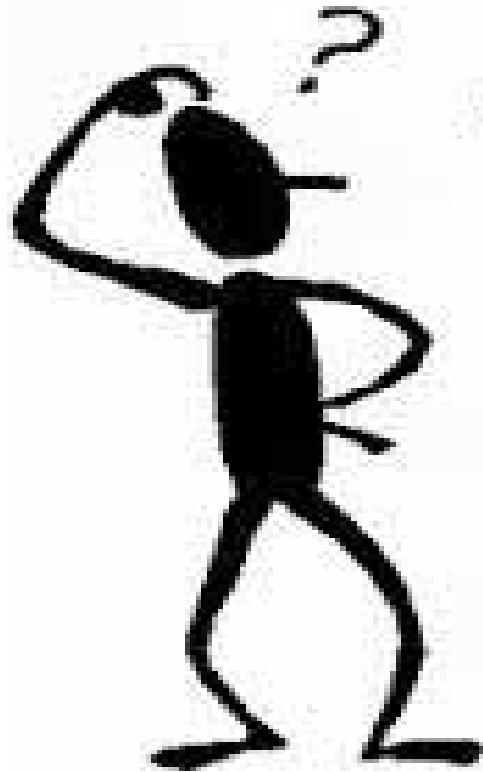
- **Notifiable Disease**
- **Sputum +ve** = Admission at Poudre D'or Chest Hosp
Strict DOTS until sputum conversion
- **Treatment** = Standard WHO treatment regimens

Intensive phase: 2HRZE*
Continuation phase: 4HR* } New case

*H-Isoniazid, R-Rifampicin, Z-Pyrazinamide, E-Ethambutol



Can be Challenging



Clinical presentation 1

- 56 years old man with prod. cough
 - Fever and chills ass. with night sweats
 - ↓ appetite
 - No history of contact with TB
 - DM (OHA's), HBP > 15 yrs
 - Ex-smoker & consumes alcohol occ.
- } × 2 weeks

Case 1 – Sputum -ve PTB



Case 1

- Investigation
 - FBC: WCC ↑ 14,000
 - ESR ↑ 20
 - U and E normal
 - LFT: normal
 - Sputum for AFB: smear negative
 - Mantoux test: 13 mm
 - Bronchoscopy: interrupted d/t patient's uncooperativeness

Case 1

- Progress
 - Clinical diagnosis of TB
 - Treatment: (2HRZE/4HR)
 - Clinical improvement (wt ↑ by 6kgs),
constitutional symptoms ↓
 - TB culture: Negative
- Cured after standard 6 months therapy

Clinical presentation 2

- 41 years old man with prod. Cough
 - Night sweats on & off
 - Coughing-up of blood +/-
- } × 2 months
- H/o Rt Pneumothorax in 2009
 - No history of contact with TB
 - DM on OHA's > 10 yrs
 - Smoker: 5 pack years
 - Alcohol intake: occasional

Case 2 – Sputum -ve PTB



Case 2

- Investigation
 - FBC: normal
 - ESR normal
 - U and E normal
 - LFT: normal
 - Sputum for AFB: smear negative
 - Mantoux test: 20mm
 - Bronchoscopy: patient unwilling

Case 2

- Progress
 - Clinical diagnosis of TB
 - Treatment: (2HRZE/4HR)
 - Clinical improvement (wt ↑ by 9 kgs),
constitutional symptoms ↓
- Cured after standard 6 months therapy



Semin Respir Infect. 1994 Jun;9(2):113-9.

Smear-negative pulmonary tuberculosis.

Dutt AK¹, Stead WW.

- Diagnostic difficulties arise when sputum smears are negative for acid-fast bacilli in tuberculin-positive patients with compatible symptoms and chest radiographs for tuberculosis
- Many of these smear-negative patients yield positive cultures for M tuberculosis, whereas others remain culturally negative
- Several studies have shown that many smear-negative/culture-negative patients will develop bacteriologically positive disease later
- Often, physicians are unable to decide whether to initiate chemotherapy or to wait for the culture results

Thank you

