

## Special Issue on Detection of Tuberculosis Disease

### Call for Papers

With an estimated 9 million new cases and 1.8 million deaths each year, tuberculosis remains one of the world's leading causes of morbidity and mortality. There is no effective vaccine but the disease is treatable with combination drug therapies. Cure rates are high, exceeding the World Health Organisation global target of 85% but unfortunately the proportion of cases detected remains low, with a global case detection rate of just 61%. The problem is particularly acute in sub-Saharan Africa where less than half of incident cases are detected. Delayed diagnosis is detrimental to the patient and frustrates control efforts as the pool of undiagnosed, untreated disease acts as a reservoir for onward transmission. Current tests for tuberculosis are either insensitive, slow or require specialist facilities that are not widely available. Improved case finding is a priority of the STOP TB partnership.

We invite authors to submit original research and review articles on novel tools or strategies to assist case finding. We are interested in detection of active disease and/or drug resistant forms of tuberculosis. We do not encourage articles addressing detection of latent disease. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Discovery and validation of markers of active tuberculosis disease
- Advances in detection technologies
- Novel approaches to screening for TB disease
- Accuracy of new diagnostic tests
- Implementation of new tools or strategies for case detection
- Impact of rapid diagnostic tests: clinical, societal, or economic
- Methodologies for evaluating diagnostic tools for tuberculosis
- Rapid tests for drug resistance

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