



## **New Insights in Screening and Preventive Treatment for Tuberculosis**

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### **Message from the Guest Editor**

Dear Colleagues,

This Special Issue of Tropical Medicine and Infectious Diseases focuses on the current state of the science and future possibilities for systematic screening and preventive treatment for tuberculosis (TB). With over 10 million people developing TB disease each year, 40% of whom are not diagnosed or reported, and an estimated one quarter of the world's population having been infected with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, TB is a significant threat to global health.

The WHO's End TB Strategy includes targets for 2025 of diagnosing and starting on treatment 90% of all people who develop TB each year, and initiating 90% of all eligible people on TPT. In order to achieve these targets, new research on and the scaling up of proven strategies are urgently needed to improve the current approaches to finding people with TB and preventing the disease in those at highest risk.

