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ON TB PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS, AND DRUG-RESISTANT TB (DR-TB) TREATMENT



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Experience in the use of TB antigen-based tests for the diagnosis of tuberculosis infection

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Modern technologies for early detection of tuberculosis infection

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operational
handbook on
tuberculosis

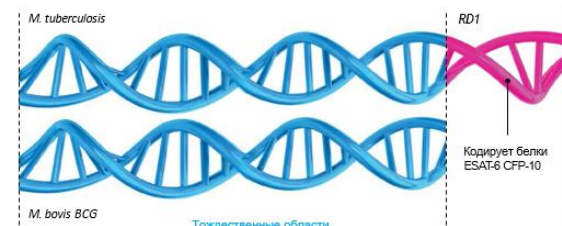
Module 3: Diagnosis
Tests for tuberculosis
infection



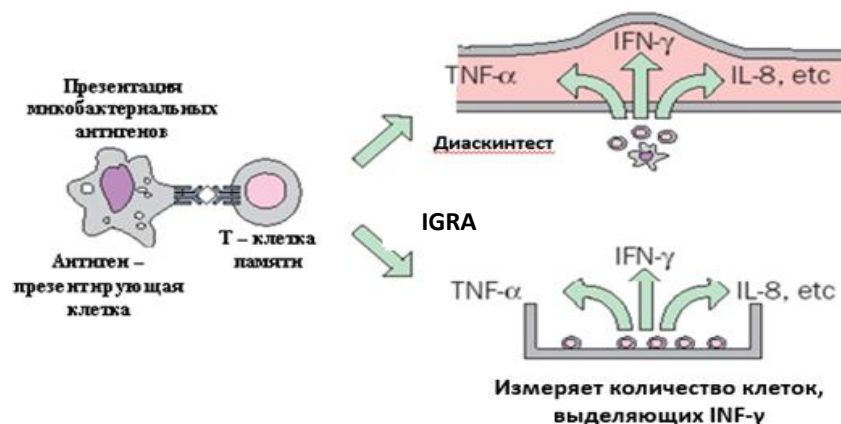
- **Determination of delayed-type hypersensitivity reaction** to virulent Mycobacterium tuberculosis pathogen (*in vivo* skin test) - test with recombinant tuberculosis allergen (Diaskintest)
- **IGRA tests** (*interferon Gamma - release assays*)
 - ✓ Determination of effector T cells in the blood that respond to stimulation by Mycobacterium tuberculosis antigen (ELISPOT), a more accurate version of the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA).
 - ✓ Determination of blood levels of interferon-gamma secreted in response to stimulation with Mycobacterium tuberculosis antigen (classical ELISA) (T-spot-TB, QuantiFERON®-TB Gold, Tigua-Test-TB)

The basis of modern immunological tests:

ESAT-6 and CFP-10 proteins (produced during active reproduction of M.Tuberculosis) were isolated after complete decoding and comparison of genomes of M.Tuberculosis and M.bovis BCG and other mycobacteria.



The essence of the tests:



* Figures adapted from the book "Skin test with the preparation "Diaskintest" - new possibilities of identification of tuberculosis infection". Edited by M.A. Paltsev, 2011: 73-87

DIASKINTEST - screening test for the diagnosis of tuberculosis infection



Tuberculosis recombinant allergen in standard dilution - recombinant protein (ESAT6/CFP10) produced by genetically modified culture of Escherichia coli BL21 (DE3)/

- The action of Diaskintest® is based on the detection of cellular immune response to Mycobacterium tuberculosis-specific antigens.
- When administered intradermally, Diaskintest® causes a specific skin reaction (papule) in persons with tuberculosis infection (both active and latent), which is a manifestation of delayed-type hypersensitivity.

Indications

Diagnosis of tuberculosis infection (including LTI) in all age groups

Method of administration Intradermally (similar to the tuberculin test)

Result

Papule measurements after 72 hours

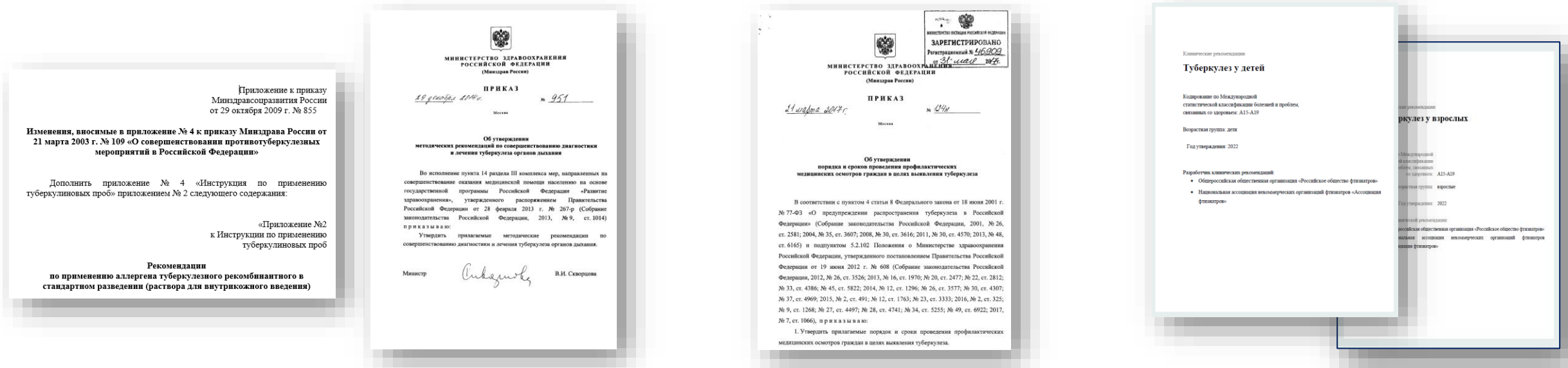
Diagnostic efficacy:

- Sensitivity - 98.3%*
- Specificity - 98.5%/99.0%**
- BCG vaccination does not affect the result of the Diaskintest



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Stages of introduction of the Diaskintest into clinical practice



2009

Use of Diaskintest **in groups at high risk of developing tuberculosis** (tuberculosis service facilities)

2014

Diaskintest as a screening method for tuberculosis infection in the paediatric and adolescent population to form groups at highest risk of tuberculosis and subsequently prevent new cases (**recommended**)

2017

Diaskintest as a **mandatory screening test** for tuberculosis infection in the **paediatric and adolescent population** to form groups at highest risk of tuberculosis and subsequently prevent new cases of the disease (general medical network)

2020

2022

Clinical Guidelines:
Diaskintest as

- **A mandatory screening test in children and adolescents;**
- **in the diagnostic algorithm for tuberculosis in adults**

Results of step-by-step introduction of Diaskintest into clinical practice

2012-2013.

- **1,830,432 children and adolescents**
- multicentre continuous retrospective study of the use of Diaskintest in Moscow, Samara and Ryazan regions

Results:

- in 97 per cent of cases, the diagnosis of tuberculosis was confirmed
- **There has been a 25 per cent reduction in the number of persons to be seen by a phthisiatrician**
- **more than 50 per cent reduction in the cost of preventive therapy in at-risk groups**
- a group of people with latent tuberculosis infection should be singled out and preventive therapy should be targeted to them.

2016 г. **

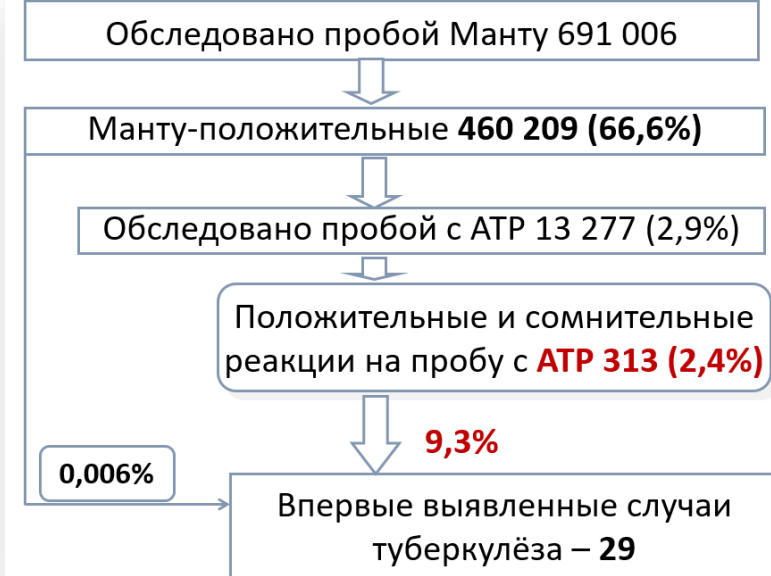
- **109,207 children and adolescents**
- Study of the effectiveness of Mantoux and Diaskintest for screening for tuberculosis infection in children and adolescents in the general health care network (GHN) in Stavropol Krai.

Results:

- schoolchildren aged 8-17 years have **37 times higher detection rate of specific tuberculosis pathology** when using Diaskintest in OLS than by Mantoux test.
- **High-risk groups for tuberculosis are targeted and much more accurately identified**

2020 ***

- Evaluating the effectiveness of **mass screening for tuberculosis infection in children aged 1-7 years old**



*Aksenova V.A., Baryshnikova L.A., Klevno N.I. Modern approaches to screening of tuberculosis infection in children and adolescents in Russia. Medical Council. 2015 (4): 30-35

**Aksenova V.A., Moiseeva N.N., Klevno N.I., Odinets V.S., Baronova O.D. Effectiveness of various screening methods for early detection of tuberculosis in children and adolescents. Voprosy prakticheskaya paediatrici, 2016. 11(4):9-17 DOI:10.20953/1817-7646-2016-4-9-17

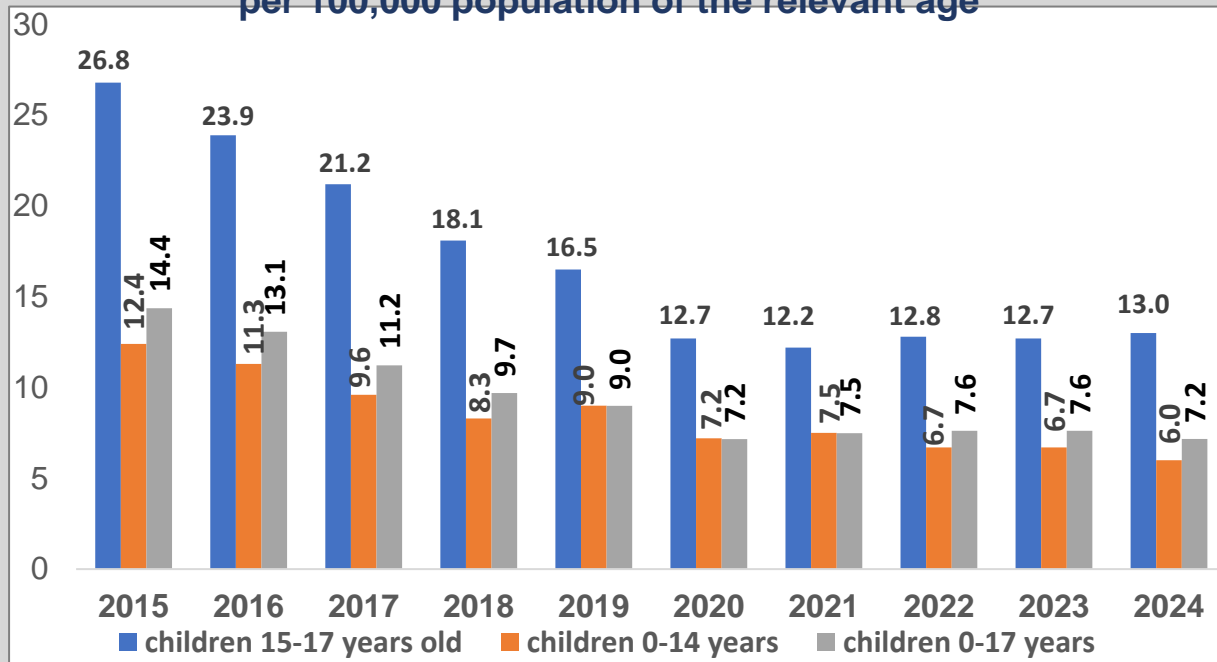
***Slogotskaya L. V., Bogorodskaya E. M., Shamuratova L. F., Sevostyanova T. A. Evaluation of the effectiveness of mass screening to detect tuberculosis infection in children aged 1-7 years in Moscow Tuberculosis and lung diseases. 2021. 99(12): 14-21. <http://doi.org/10.21292/2075-1230-2021-99-12-14-21>

Some epidemic indicators of tuberculosis in children aged 0-17 years on the basis of Diaskintest, RF

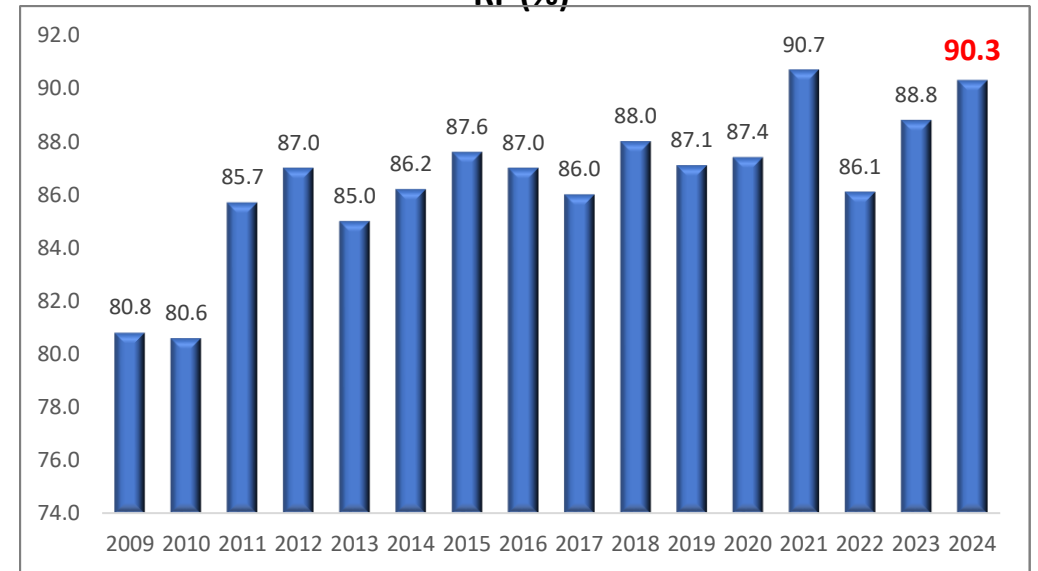
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Order of the Ministry of Health of Russia
No. 124n - mass screening
in children from 8 years of age throughout the Russian
Federation
with the use of Diaskintest

Incidence of tuberculosis in children in the Russian
Federation
per 100,000 population of the relevant age



Percentage of actively detected
TB patients in children 0-17 years of age,
RF (%)

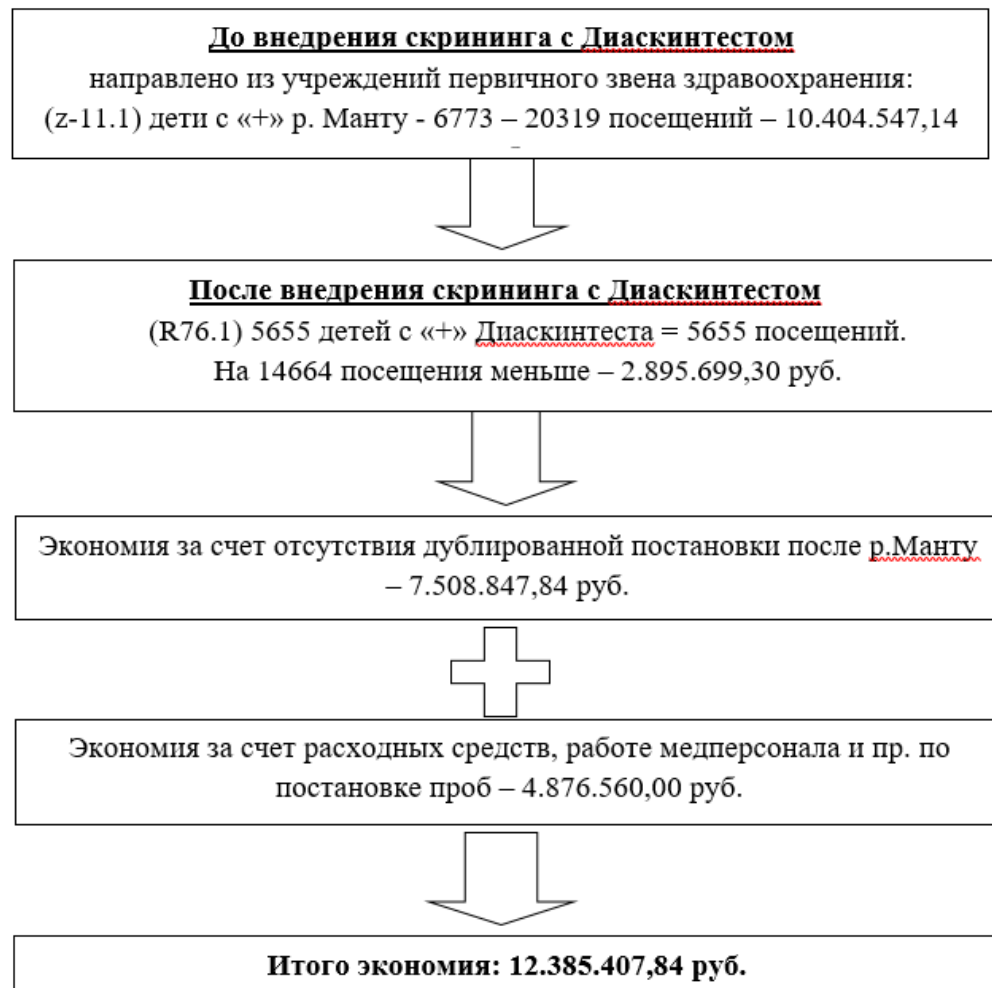


morbidity among young people (18-24 years of age) decreased
3, 4 times

There was a significant decrease in the number of deaths from
tuberculosis in childhood, as well as in the proportion of CNS
tuberculosis patients among first-diagnosed cases of
tuberculosis among children

Pharmacoeconomic benefit of the use of Diaskintest

Expenditure of financial resources on screening to (in 2013) and after (in 2019) the introduction of Diaskintest in children (Sverdlovsk region)*



Cost/efficiency analysis**

Parameter	Mantoux test	Mantoux test + Diaskintest	Diaskintest
Costs per child, rub.	209,0	228,0	182,0
Diagnostic efficiency	0,003%	0,006%	0,024%
Costs/efficiency	69 666	38 000	7 583

Diaskintest significantly improves the quality of mass tuberculosis screening and is cost-effective more favourable compared to traditional tuberculin diagnostics.

*Yu.P. Ugaev, N.G. Kamaeva, A.I. Tsvetkov et al. Innovative recombinant technologies for detection and diagnosis of tuberculosis in children and adolescents: achievements and problems. Paediatrics named after G.N. Speransky. G.N. Speransky. 2020; 99 (6): 112-118.

**Moiseeva N.N. Tuberculosis recombinant allergen as a screening method for early detection of tuberculosis in children and adolescents during mass preventive examinations. Author's thesis. ... cand. Med. Sciences Moscow, 2016

The diagnostic performance of novel skin-based in-vivo tests for tuberculosis infection compared with purified protein derivative tuberculin skin tests and blood-based in vitro interferon- γ release assays: a systematic review and meta-analysis



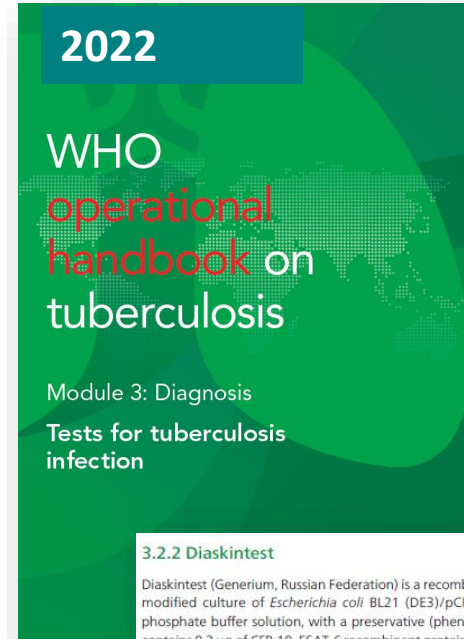
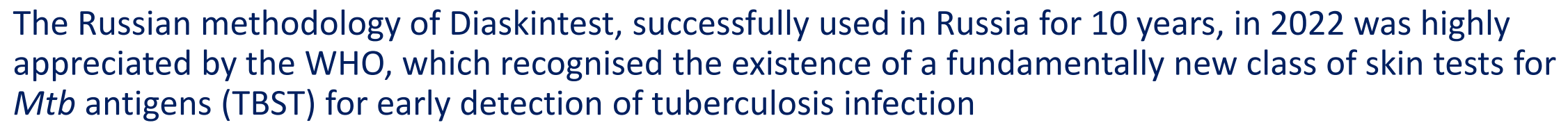
*Maria Kretzschmar, *Lena Faust, Vasilya Nikolayevskaya, Yoshiei Hamada, Rishi K Gupta, Daniela Cirillo, Alberto Matelli, Alexei Korotitsyn, Claudia M Denzinger, Molebogeng X Rangaka

Diagnostic performance of new in-vivo skin tests for tuberculosis infection: A systematic review and meta-analysis (Lancet, 2021)

Tests analysed: Diaskintest (Generium, Moscow, Russia),
C-Tb (Serum Institute of India, Pune, India),
EC-skintest (recently renamed Creative-TST or C-TST, Anhui Zhifei Longcom, Hefei, China)

Comparison tests: tuberculin test, IGRA tests

In vivo tests	Matching with IGRA test results	Coincidence with tuberculin test results	Sensitivity in comparable studies, %(95% CI)			
			Test to be studied	Tuberculin test	T-SPOT.TB	QuantiFERON
Diaskintest	87,16% (79,47-92,24)	55,45% (46,08-64,45)	91,18% (81,72-95,98)	88,24% (78,20-94,01)	90,91% (79, 95-96,16)	89,66 (78,83-95,28)
C-Tb	79,80% (76,10-83,07)	78,92% (74,65-82,63)	74-52% (70,39-78,25)	78,18% (67,75-85,94)	71,67% (63,44-78,68)	
EC-skintest			86,06% (82,39-89,07)			



Mycobacterium tuberculosis antigen-based skin tests (TBSTs) may be used to test for TB infection.

Conditional recommendation for the intervention, very low certainty of the evidence

The TBST class is defined as in vivo skin tests for the detection of TB infection that use *Mtb*-specific antigens (ESAT-6 and CFP-10).

The following technologies were included in the evaluation:

- ### 3.2.2 Diaskintest

Diaskintest (Generium, Russian Federation) is a recombinant protein produced by genetically modified culture of *Escherichia coli* BL21 (DE3)/pCFP-ESAT, diluted with sterile isotonic phosphate buffer solution, with a preservative (phenol). One dose (0.1 mL) of the product contains 0.2 µg of CFP-10-ESAT-6 recombinant protein, and excipients – disodium phosphate dihydrate, sodium chloride, potassium dihydrogen phosphate, polysorbate 80, phenol and water for injection (40).

Fig. 3.2. Diaskintest package and vial

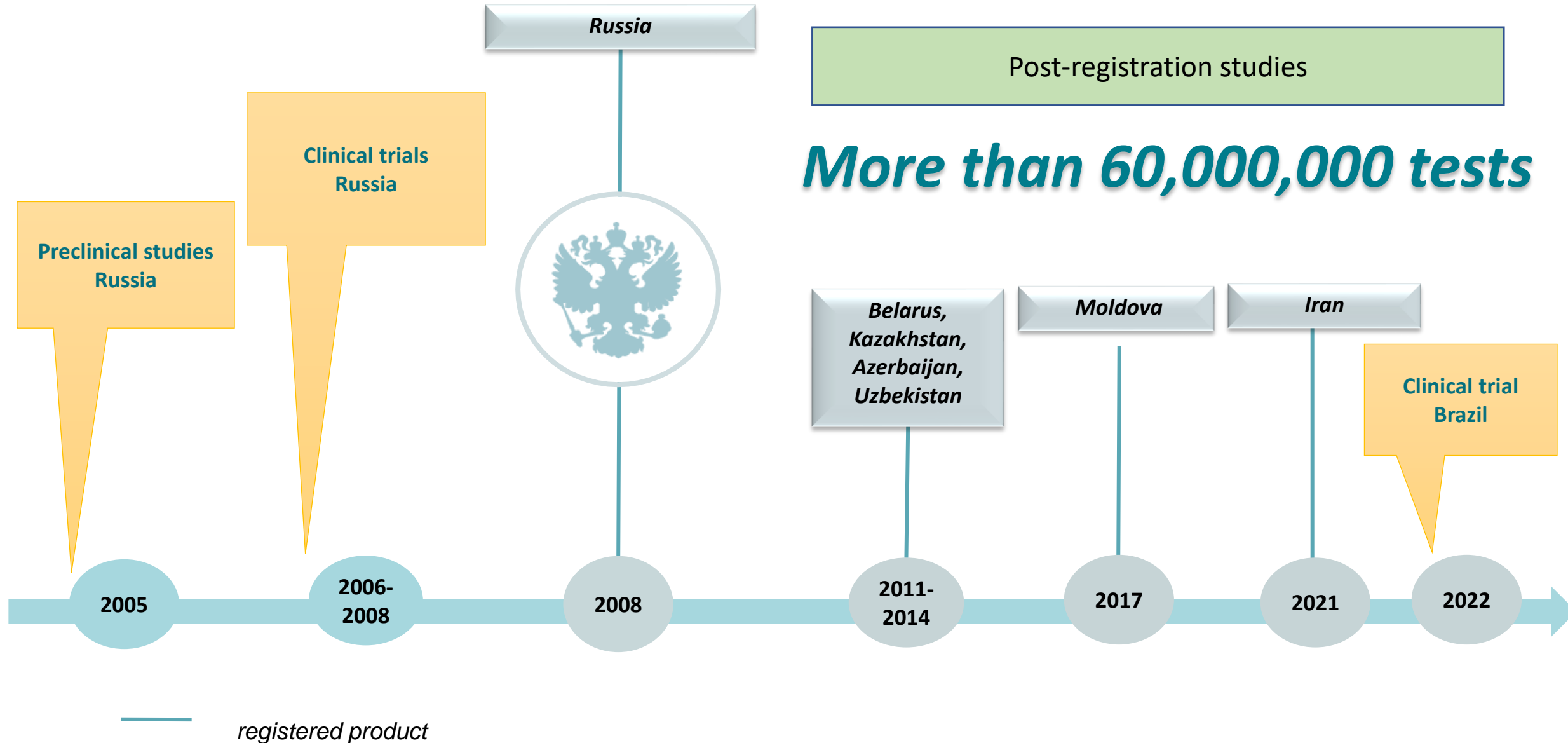


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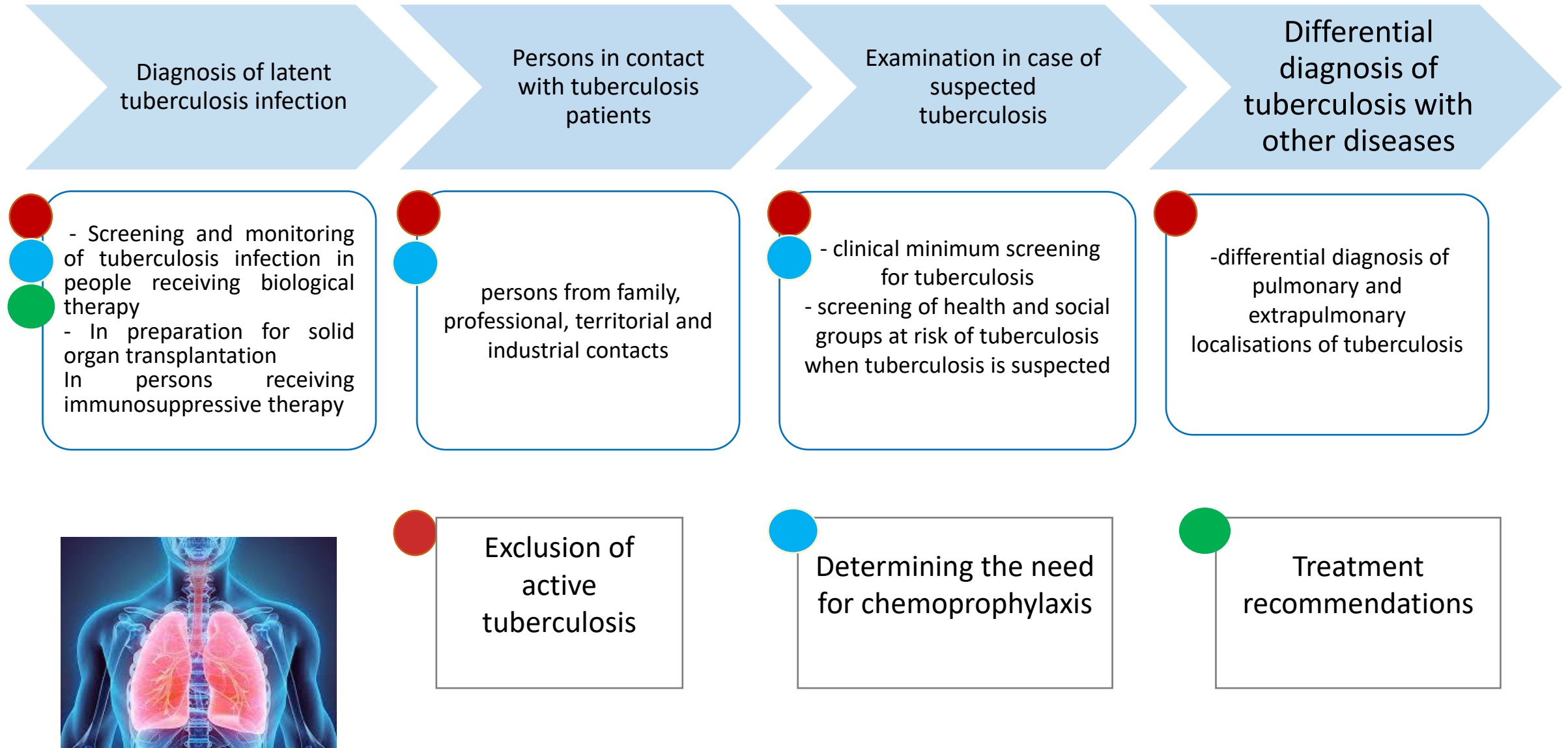
The manufacturer recommends administration intradermally and reading of the reaction at the injection site 48–72 hours after injection. The presence of redness and induration should be noted, although the presence and size of induration is critical to interpretation. The presence of blistering, necrosis (skin breakdown) or lymphadenitis is rarely recorded and if seen is interpreted as a “hyperergic” reaction.

- Cy-Tb (Serum Institute of India, India);
- **Diaskintest (Generium, Russian Federation);**
- C-TST (formerly known as ESAT6-CFP10 test, Anhui Zhifei Longcom, China).

Registration of Diaskintest outside Russia



Algorithm for the use of Diaskintest for the diagnosis of latent tuberculosis infection and differential diagnosis



Indications for the use of IGRA tests

If there is no doubt about the "truth" of the results of a skin test, the choice is for the test with recombinant tuberculosis allergen - "Diaskintest".

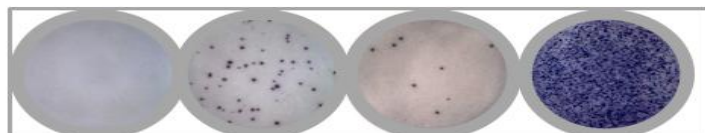
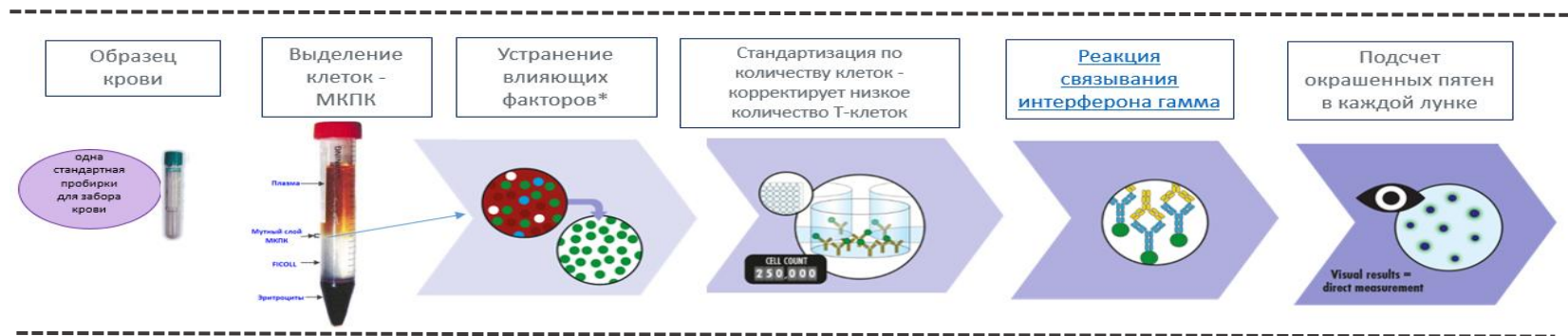
В каких клинических ситуациях необходимо сомневаться в истинности кожных туберкулиновых проб ?	Клинические ситуации с высокой вероятностью отрицательных кожных туберкулиновых тестов
<div>Ложноотрицательные пробы</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">ЛимфоцитопенияГипоальбуминемияМассивная иммуносупрессивная терапияИНФЕКЦИОННАЯ АНЕРГИЯ!!!	<div>Проводимая иммуносупрессивная терапия</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">постоянно принимаемая доза стероидов выше 10 мг в сутки,проведение пульс-терапии ГКС – сохранение эффекта анергии до 4-х месяцев;сочетании терапии ГКС с другими иммуносупрессивными препаратами (метотрексат, циклофосфан, микофеноловая кислота)
<div>Ложноположительные пробы</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-При отягощённом аллергоанамнезе<ul style="list-style-type: none">- При псориазе- При активности СКВ и/или наличии кожных проявлений СКВ	<div>Использование блокаторов ФНО:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">смена препаратов данной группы в процессе терапии в связи с «ускользанием эффекта терапии»,дозы препаратов в зависимости от основного заболевания;прием препаратов данной группы в течение 4-5 лет

Indications for the use of IGRA tests

Ruan Q, Zhang S, Ai J, Shao L, Zhang W. 1007/s10067-014-2817-6. Epub 2014 Nov 7. PMID: 25376466 ; Anton C, Machado FD, Ramirez JMA, Bernardi RM, Palominos PE, Brenol CV, Mello FCQ, Silva DR. J Bras Pneumol. 2019 Apr 25;45(2):e20190023. doi: 10.1590/1806-3713/e20190023. PMID: 31038654; PMCID: PMC6733747; Thomas K, Hadziyannis E, Hatzara C, et al. Conversion and Reversion Rates of Tuberculosis Screening Assays in Patients With Rheumatic Diseases and Negative Baseline Screening Under Long-Term Biologic Treatment. Pathog Immun. 2020;5(1):34-51. Published 2020 Feb 26. doi:10.20411/pai.v5i1.349 Heubner RE, Schein MF, Bass JB Jr. Clin. Infect. Dis. 1993; 17: 968-75. Ponce de León D, Acevedo-Vásquez E, Sánchez-Torres A et al. Ann. Rheum. Dis. 2005; 64: 1360-1. Camlar SA, Makay B, Appak O et al. Clin. Rheumatol. 2011; 30: 1189-93.

Diagnostic performance of the ELISPOT platform for the diagnosis of tuberculosis infection (TigraTest.TV, Russia)

ELISPOT - determination of the number of activated interferon-gamma-secreting T lymphocytes in response to stimulation with specific *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* ESAT-6 and CFP-10 antigens. Each spot (dot) indicates one activated T cell.



Negative control

Antigen panel 1

Antigen panel 2

Positive control



- The specificity of TigerTest.TV was 97.6% (95% CI 95.25-99.95%)
- Analytical specificity - 100%
- The sensitivity of TigerTest.TV was 97.4% (95% CI 93.8-100%)
- Analytical sensitivity - 100%

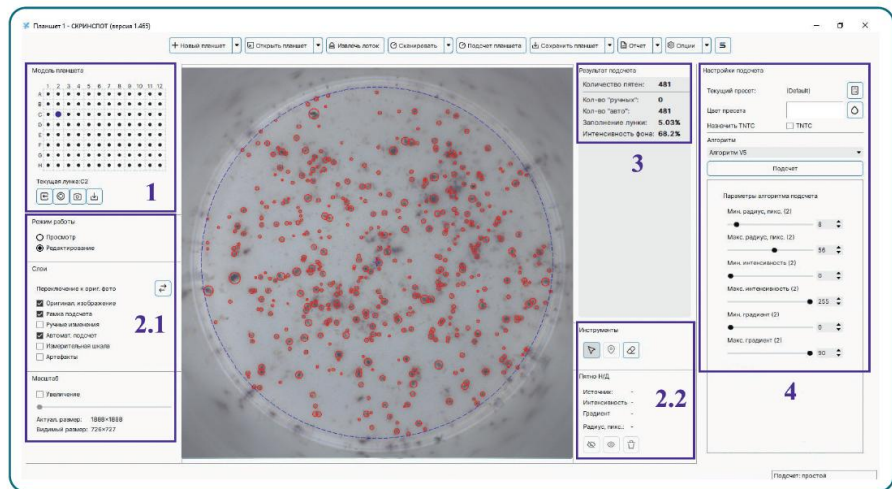
- The result is independent of the level of immunosuppression¹⁻³
- The result is not affected by the presence of BCG vaccination (*ESAT-6 AND CFP-10 are absent in all BCG strains and most non-tuberculous mycobacteria*)
- One visit test (result after 24 hours)

Indications

- for *in vitro* diagnosis of the presence of tuberculosis infection, **including**
- **for screening among persons at high risk of developing tuberculosis infection;**
- Differential diagnosis of tuberculosis infection from postvaccine allergy due to BCG (*Mycobacterium bovis BCG*) vaccination.



SCRINSPOT - microplate analyser for reading test results based on the immunoenzyme stain method (ELISPOT)



Maximum analysis time (96 wells)	3 min.
Maximum time for setting the operating mode	1 min.
Continuous operation time, max.	8 hours
Maximum volume of saved analysis result data one 96-well microplate	500 Mb

- The use of the analyser "SCRINSPOT" allows to increase accuracy and objectivity of the test results in comparison with manual counting with the help of usb-loupe.
- The instrument allows digital images of microplates to be captured and then analysed in detail.
- Accelerates data processing and reduces the possibility of human error (one-step evaluation)

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Regulatory framework and algorithm for detection of tuberculosis infection in Russia

Order of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation No. 951 of 29.12.2014 "On approval of methodological recommendations on improving the diagnosis and treatment of respiratory tuberculosis", 2014

Clinical Guidelines "Latent tuberculosis infection (LTI) in children", 2016

Order of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation No. 124n of 21.03.2017 "On the Approval of the Procedure and timelines for preventive examinations of citizens for the detection of tuberculosis".

Clinical Guidelines "Tuberculosis in children", Moscow, 2022

Clinical Guidelines "Tuberculosis in adults", Moscow, 2022

Children under 7 years of age

Mantoux screening



altered sensitivity to tuberculin



Diaskintest test



determining the management of the child

Children 8 years and older

Screening with the Diaskintest test



determining the management of the child

Adults

Fluorography



suspected TB



clinical minimum TB screening* and Diaskintest/ IGRA test

* Clinical minimum TB screening - blood, urine, chest radiological examination, sputum examination for MBT TB - tuberculosis, MBT - Mycobacterium tuberculosis

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