

# A5300/I2003/PHOENIx Trial Update

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# MDR TB in Household Contacts

- Contacts of MDR TB patients have high risk of TB infection and disease
  - Vast majority of MDR TB in children arises from household transmission
- Systematic review of observational studies of contacts of drug-resistant index cases
  - 4–8% proportion with incident TB
  - 44–72% of incident TB are drug-resistant
- Risk of incident TB is greatest in **first 2 years** after exposure
- Survey of 35 countries found only 11 had policies and only 3 made an effort to treat contacts
  - Most common reason for not having policies was lack of evidence



Shah et al. Clin Infect Dis 2014

Cain KP et al. Int J Tuberc Lung Dis 2010

# WHO 2014 Guidelines for Preventive Therapy for MDR TB Contacts

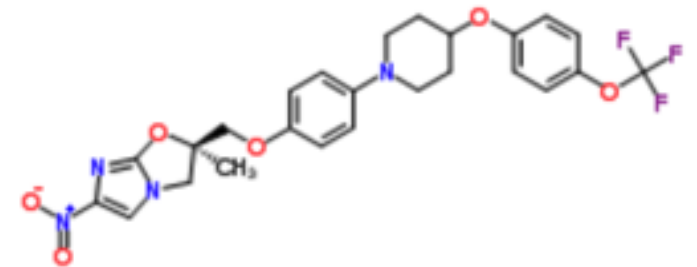
## *Recommendations and Research Gaps*

- Treatment of presumptive MDR TB infection not recommended
  - Quality of evidence is seriously limited
- Recommend strict clinical observation and close monitoring for TB disease for at least two years
- Clinicians as part of sound clinical practice can consider individually tailored preventive treatment
- There remains an urgent need for trials of TB preventive therapy for HH contacts of MDR TB patients, particularly for those at high risk including HIV-infected, TST+ and young children to inform international evidence-based recommendations



# Delamanid (DLM)

- Novel anti-TB drug, inhibits mycolic acid synthesis and has potent bactericidal activity
- As of Jan 2016, >1500 participants, including 37 children, have been exposed to DLM
- Appears to be safe & well tolerated
- Regulatory approvals: EMA, Japan, Korea
- DLM does not induce or inhibit cytochrome P450 enzymes or common drug transporters
  - Minimal DDI potential



## A5300B/I2003B Study Hypothesis

- Treating HIV-infected and other child, adolescent and adult household contacts of MDR TB patients, including pre-XDR TB and XDR TB, who are at high risk of developing TB with delamanid will **substantially reduce the risk of developing TB**, compared to isoniazid

# PHOENIx Study Design

## Design

- Phase III, open label, multi-center, cluster-randomized, superiority design comparing 26 weeks of DLM to 26 weeks of INH for preventing TB among high-risk household contacts of MDR TB patients

## Primary objective

- Efficacy in preventing confirmed or probable active TB and safety (permanent discontinuation of study drug due to an AE )

## Sample size & duration

- 90% power to detect **50% reduction** in TB (5% vs. 2.5%)
- **3,452 high-risk household contacts** (from 1,726 households)
- **Follow-up**: 96 weeks for each participating household contact
- **Total study duration**: 304 weeks (5.9 years)

# Study Population

## Index case

- An adult (18 years and older) with pulmonary MDR TB who has started appropriate treatment within the past six months
  - **Confirmed** by phenotypic or genotypic drug resistance testing

## Household contact

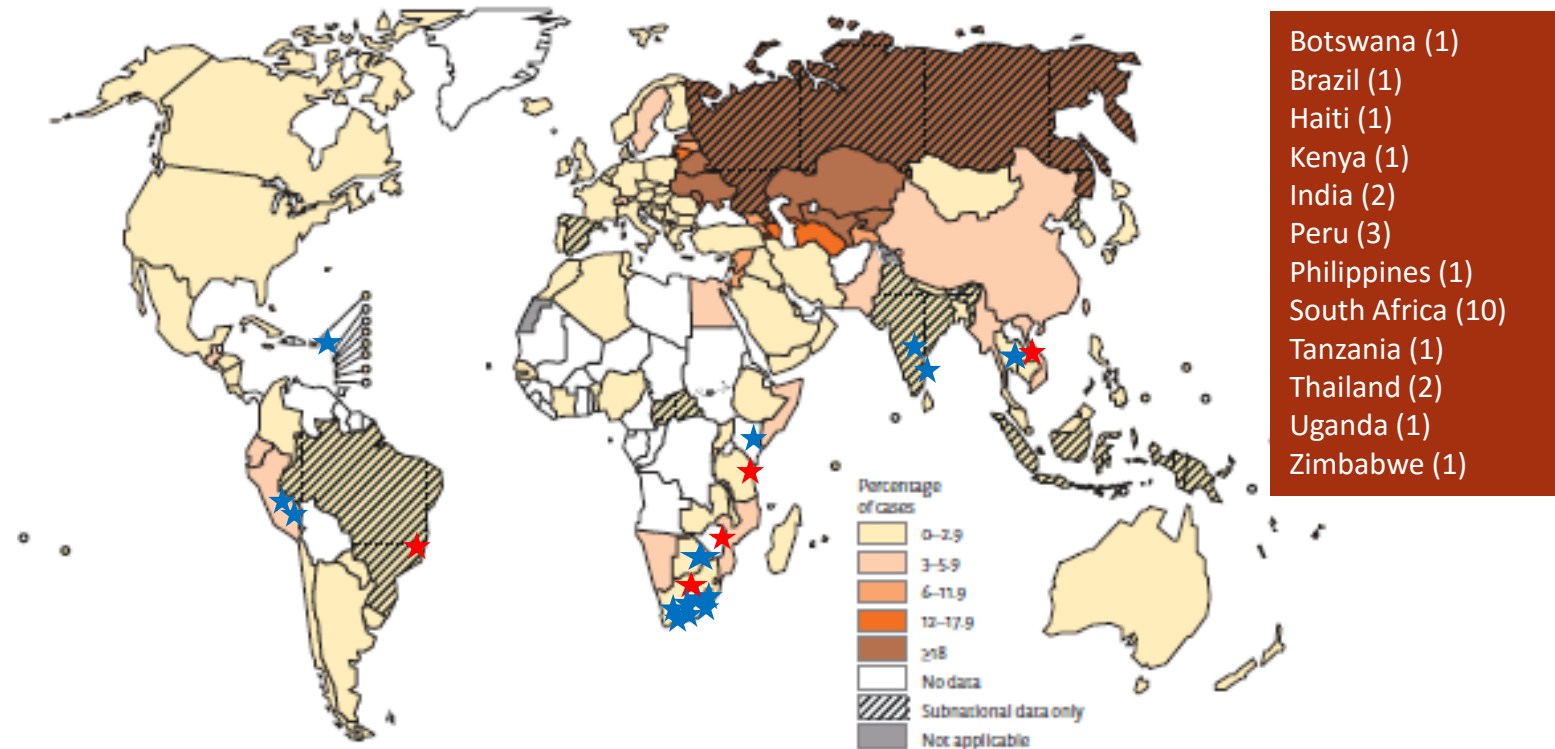
- A person who lives in the same dwelling unit and shares the same housekeeping arrangements as the index case, and who reports exposure within 6 months prior to the index case starting MDR TB treatment

## High risk household contacts

- Newborns to children <5 years old
- Adults and children  $\geq 5$  years of age that are:
  - HIV-infected or non-HIV immunosuppressed
  - TST positive ( $\geq 5$ mm) and/or IGRA positive



# Planned PHOENIx Study Sites, n=27 sites in 12 countries



# Delaminid dosing

- Adults & children  $\geq 30\text{kg}$ : DLM 200 mg daily
- Children  $< 30\text{kg}$ : Weight-banded based dosing per MOP
- Daily dosing for children will be based on modeled dose (Elin Svenson and colleagues at Uppsala)
- DLM dosing will be separated in time from other drugs by at least one hour
- DLM will be supplied by Otsuka as a film-coated and dispersible tablets

# Run-in-phase

## *(Early intensive evaluation)*

- All sites will enrol HH contacts of at least 10 index cases within 16 weeks and do all study procedures
- The first 10 household contacts enrolled at each site will have
  - Intensive safety and ECG monitoring
  - Adherence assessed by PK measures
- Pediatric intensive PK study at selected sites
- Data will contribute to sample size re-estimation and the main analysis

# A5300/I2003/PHOENIx Preparatory Study of MDR TB Cases and Their Household Contacts: Operational Feasibility to Inform PHOENIx Trial

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# Objectives

- To describe the feasibility of identifying, recruiting, and characterizing adult MDR TB index cases and their adult and child household contacts
- To describe the prevalence of LTBI, TB disease and HIV infection among adult and child household contacts

# Methods

## Design

- Cross-sectional study with 1 year follow-up added on as LOA

## Sample size

- 300 adult MDR index cases and all eligible household contacts

## Population

- **Index Case:** An adult (18 years or older) with pulmonary MDR TB as defined in the main protocol
- **Household contact:** Defined as in the main protocol, but not limited to high risk groups

# Evaluations

## Site-level

- MDR TB case load
- Resource utilization survey

## Index Cases

- Medical history
- Documentation of chest imaging and HIV status
- Sputum for drug-susceptibility testing

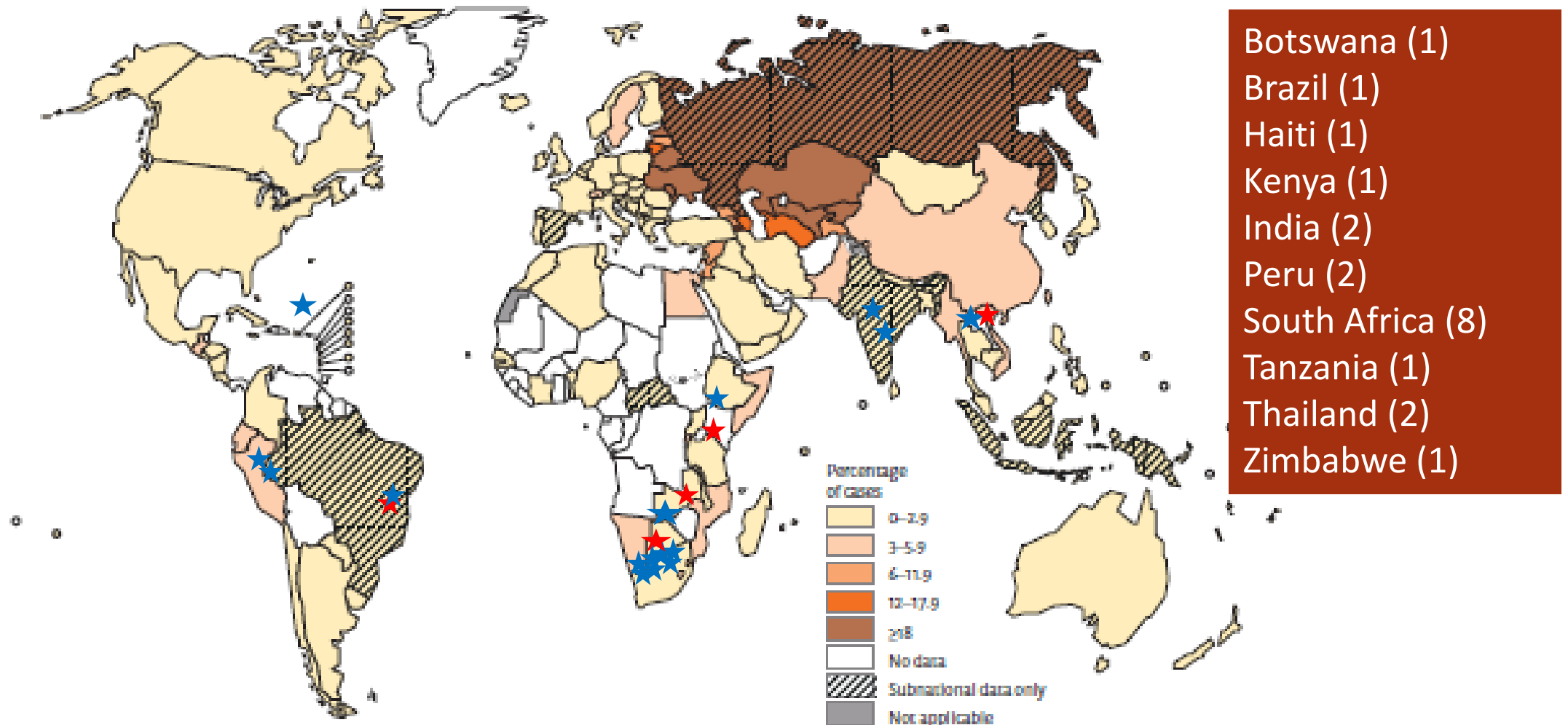
## Household Contacts

- Household enumeration
- Medical history
- Documentation of HIV status (HIV testing, if unknown)
- Latent TB infection testing
- Chest x-ray
- Respiratory samples for TB diagnosis
- Knowledge, attitude and practices (KAP) survey

# PHOENIx Feasibility Study Sites

★ 16 sites activated ★ 4 sites not activated

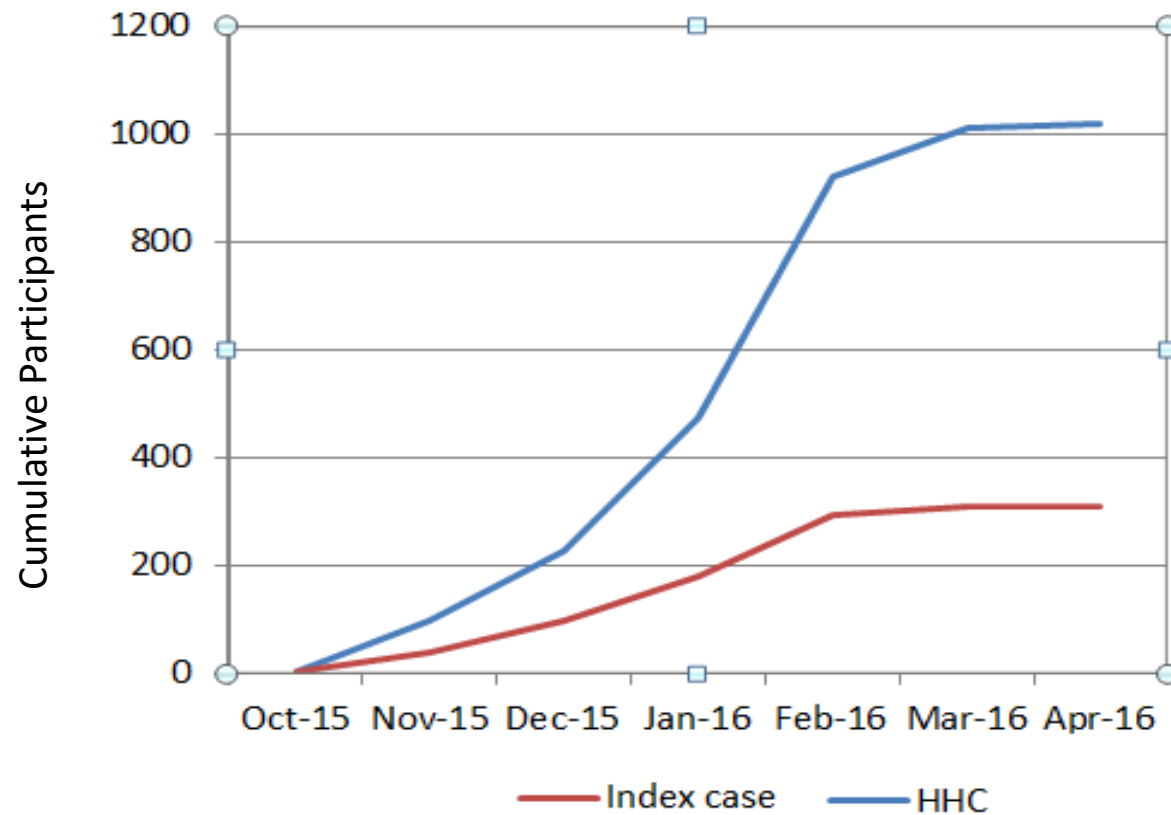
Median activation time: 11.7 weeks





# Index & Household Contact Enrollments

**Total enrolled: Index cases=308 HHCs=1018**

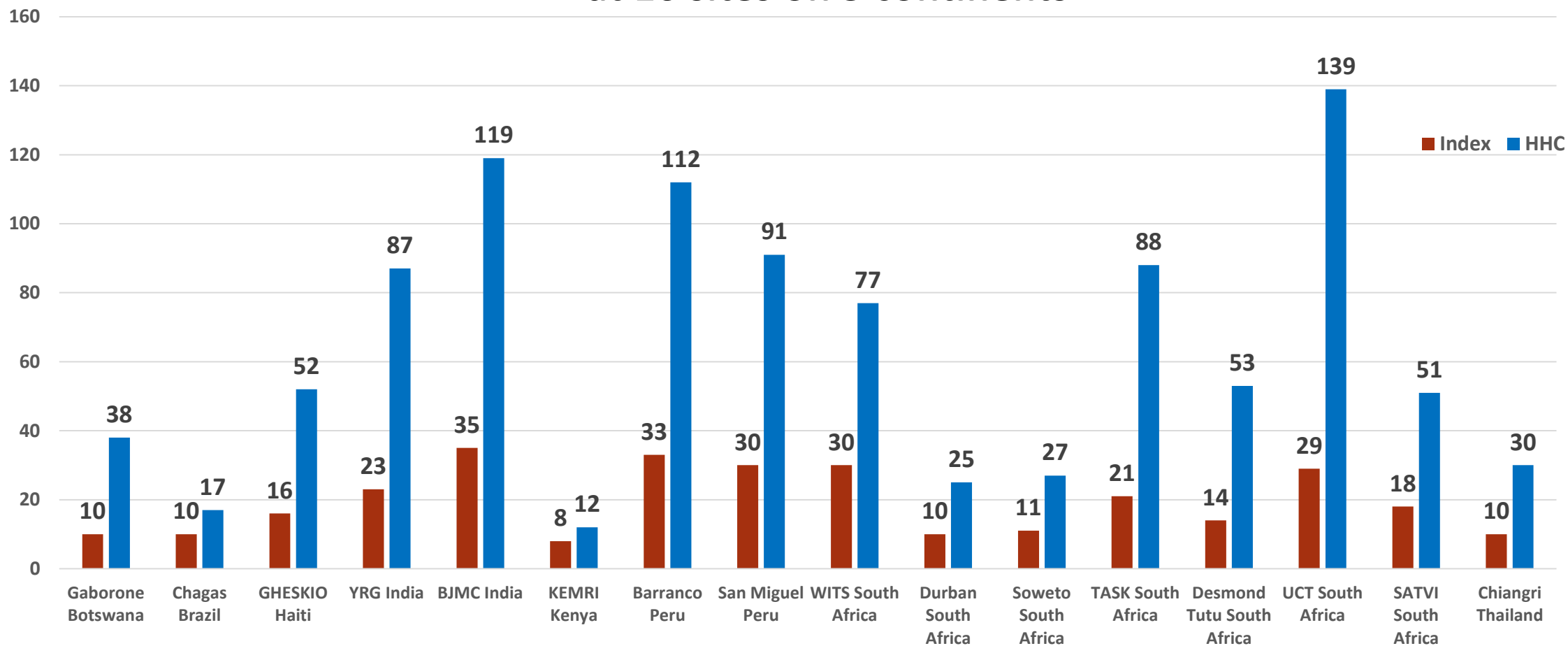


**Target enrollment:  
300 index cases**

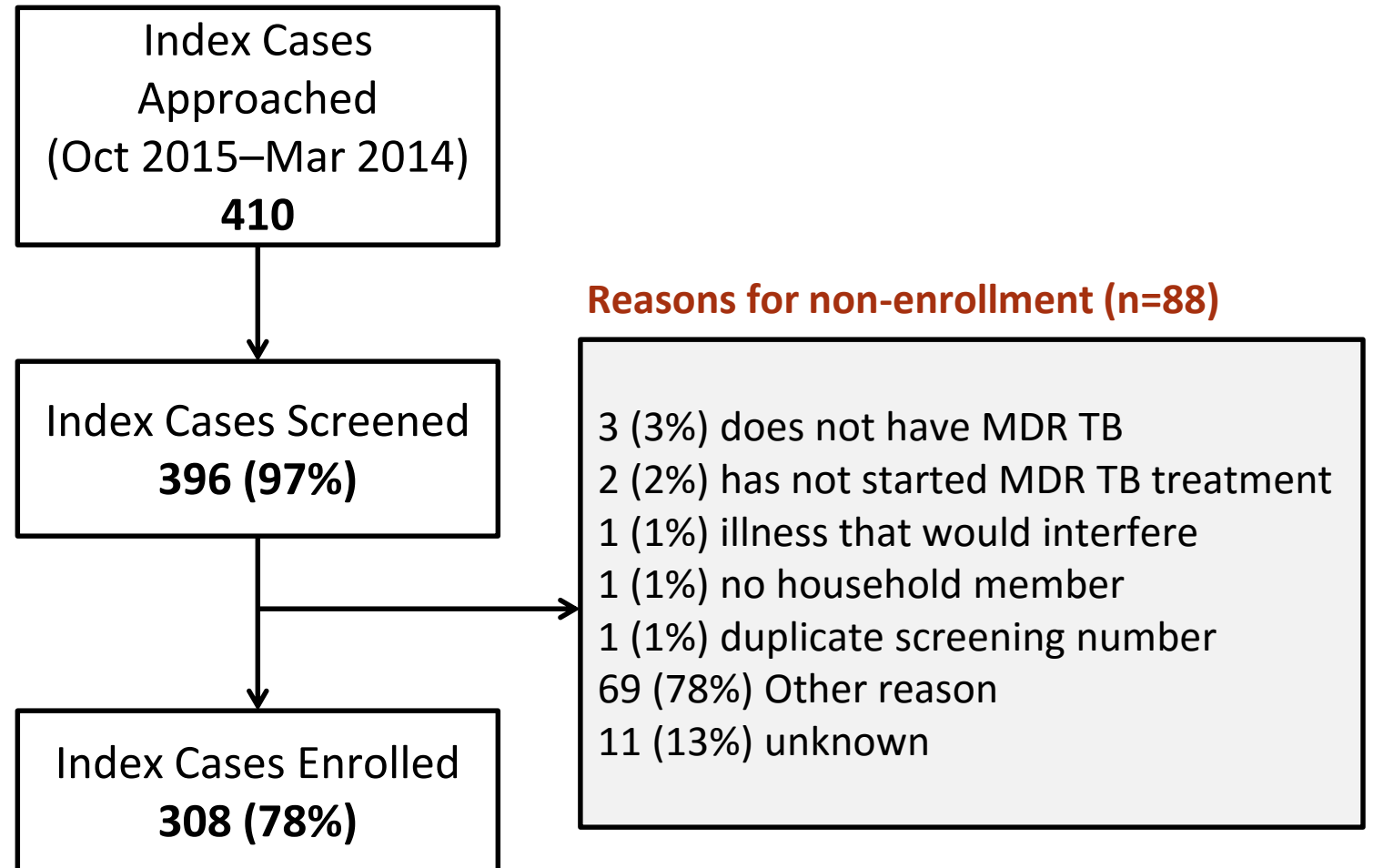
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*(29 October 2015 to 14 April 2016)*

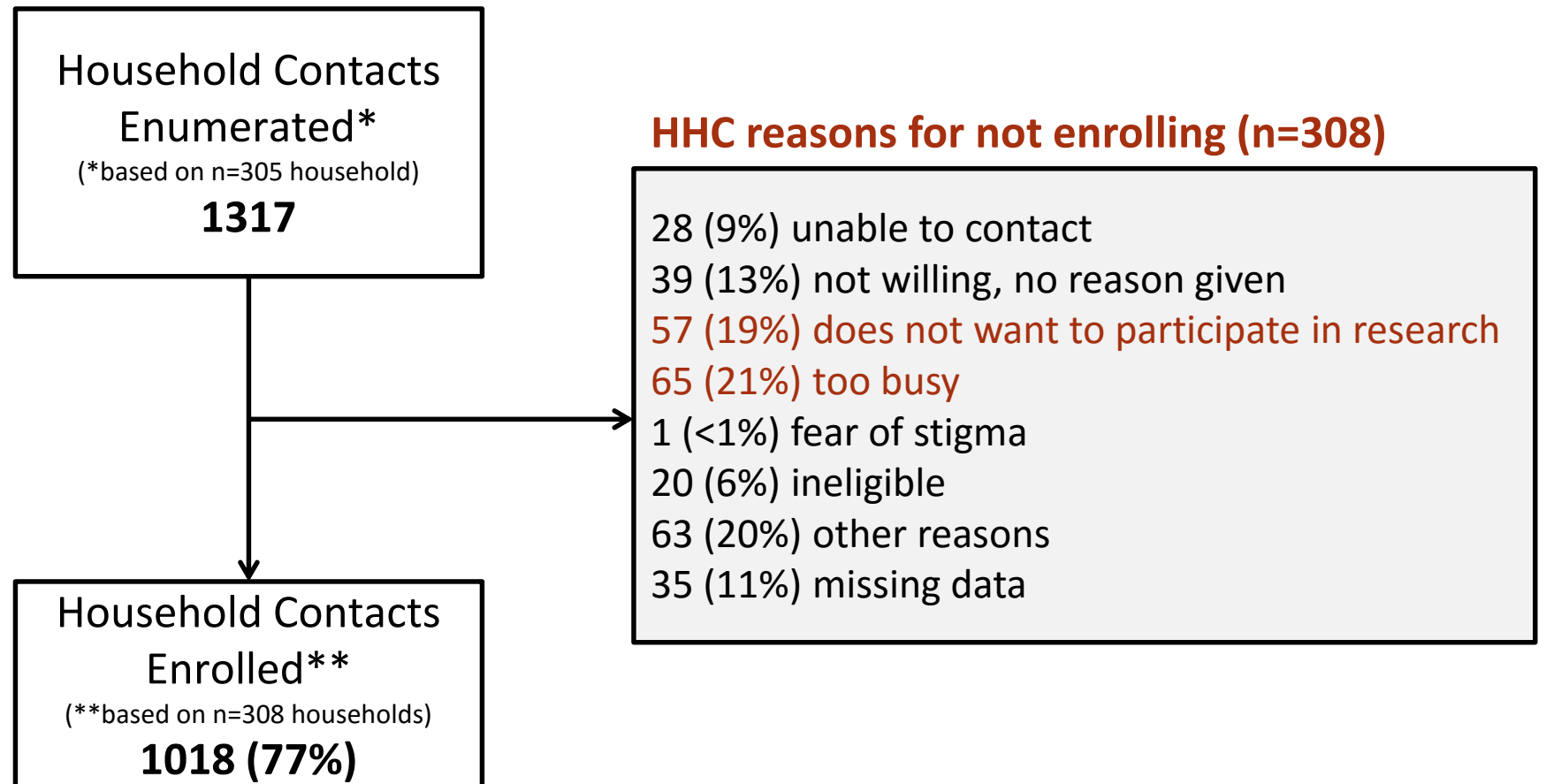
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**at 16 sites on 3 continents**



# MDR TB Index Case Enrollment



# Household Contacts Enrollment



\*Total contacts enumerated is pending.

# Participant Characteristics

Characteristic	Index (N=308)	HHC (N=1018)
Median age, years (range)	36 (18-74)	26
Female	133 (43%)	600 (59%)*
Countries (# sites)		
Botswana (1)	10 (3%)	38 (4%)
Brazil (1)	10 (3%)	17 (2%)
Haiti (1)	16 (5%)	52 (5%)
India (2)	58 (19%)	206 (20%)
Kenya (1)	8 (3%)	12 (1%)
Peru (2)	63 (20%)	203 (20%)
South Africa (7)	133 (43%)	460 (45%)
Thailand (1)	10 (3%)	30 (3%)

\* 14 pregnant women

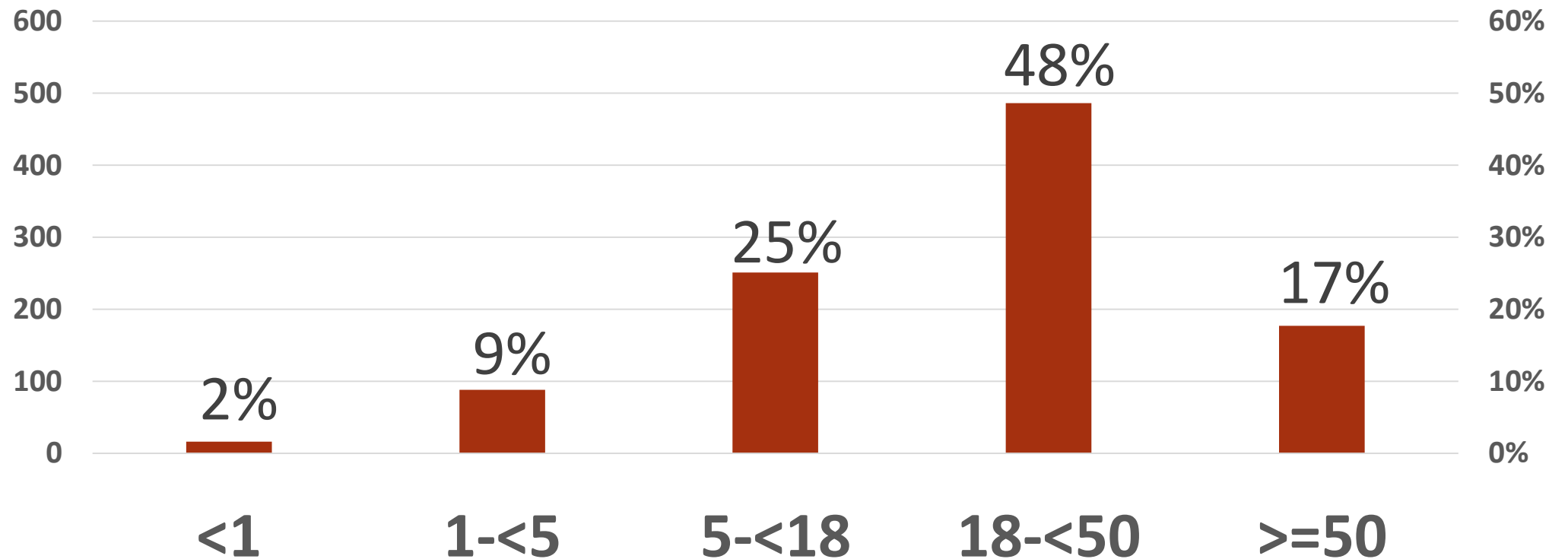
## Index cases, n=308

- Identified at community clinics (53%), general hospital 16%, referral to CRS (11%), at CRS (13%), other(1%)
- Enrollments: CRS (40%), hospital/clinic other than CRS (33%), household (23%), other (4%)
- Documentation of MDR TB based on testing outside the study
  - All 308 rifampin resistance
  - **But only 232 (75%) had BOTH RIF and INH resistance documented**
    - 13 had RIF R and INH susceptibility
    - 63 had no INH testing documented (presumed MDR based on RIF R only)
    - 4 sites in south Africa, 1 Botswana, 1 India, 1 Kenya
  - THEREFORE, need to ensure both Rifampin and INH resistance is documented in main trial

# MDR TB Index Case Characteristics

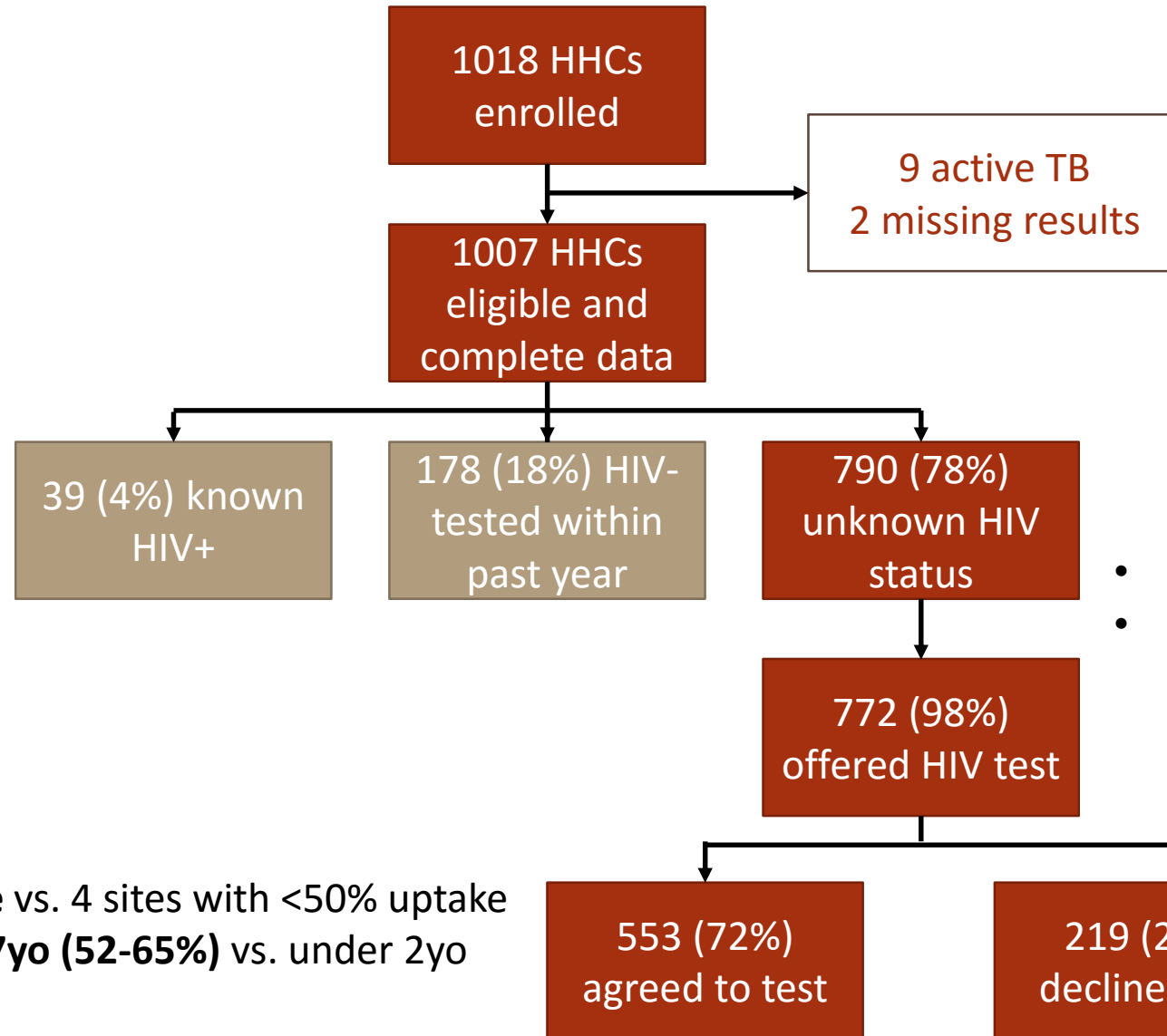
Characteristic	Index (N=308)
HIV-infected	112 (36%)
Diabetes	25 (8%)
Current or former smoking	133 (43%)
No prior TB	147 (48%)
Chest x-ray cavitation	201 (65%)
AFB smear positive (n=211)	148 (70%)
1+ at study enrollment with testing at CRS (n=290)	94 (20%)
Xpert positive	141 (51%)
MGIT culture positive	75 (27%)
MDR TB treatment duration, median (range)	8.4 weeks (0-27wks)

# Age Distribution of Household Contacts





# HIV Testing among HHCs



- 36% did not specify reason
- 47% reported “other” reason, largely related to **perceived low risk** (particularly affected testing of children)

- 9 sites with **>80% uptake** vs. 4 sites with <50% uptake
- Lower uptake in **age 2-17yo (52-65%)** vs. under 2yo (77%) and adults (78%)

# Latent TB Infection Results

LTBI Testing	n (%)
No TST done*	300 (30%)
TST tested	705 (64%)
TST+	392 (56%)
TST-	304 (43%)
Tested but no result	9 (1%)
No IGRA done	26 (3%)
IGRA tested	973 (97%)
IGRA+	629 (65%)
IGRA-	330 (34%)
Tested but no result	14 (1%)

## LTBI status with combined testing

LTBI	N (%)
TST+ or IGRA+	708 (70%)
TST- and IGRA-	272 (27%)
Unknown	27 (3%)

\*TST not done at 3 of 16 sites (2 Peru and 1 South Africa)

# Yield of Contact Tracing, n=1016 contacts

- **Signs/symptoms related to TB:** 23% HHCs <15 years and 24% of ≥15 years
- **CXR:** 971 (96%) got CXR, 886 (91%) were good quality, 169 (17%) abnormal
  - 22 of 55 children <15 years with abnormal had CXR suggestive of TB
- *Of 36 contacts without CXR, 16 were pregnant*
- **130 (13%) prevalent TB cases from 83 of 284 households**
  - 31 households had more than 1 contact with prevalent TB
  - **Possible** 71, **7%**
  - **Probable** 33, **3%**
  - **Confirmed** 26, **3%** (includes 9 that were already diagnosed at time of contact tracing)
- Yield varied by site

# Risk factors for Prevalent TB

- **Sex:** Males > females diagnosed with prevalent TB 16% vs 9%
- **LTBI+:**
  - Higher in TST+ 16% vs 10% in all TB; 9% vs 2% in confirmed/probable TB
  - Higher in IGRA+ 14% vs 8% in all TB; 7% vs 1% in confirmed/probable TB
- **Age:** No difference in confirmed/probable by three age groups <5, 5-<15, 15+ years
- **HIV:** No difference by HIV status
- **High risk group:** No difference by high risk group
  - 7% (7 of 102) <5 years
  - 5% (3 of 63) HIV and 5+ years
  - 6% (39 of 610) positive IGRA or TST

# Potentially Eligible High Risk Household Contacts

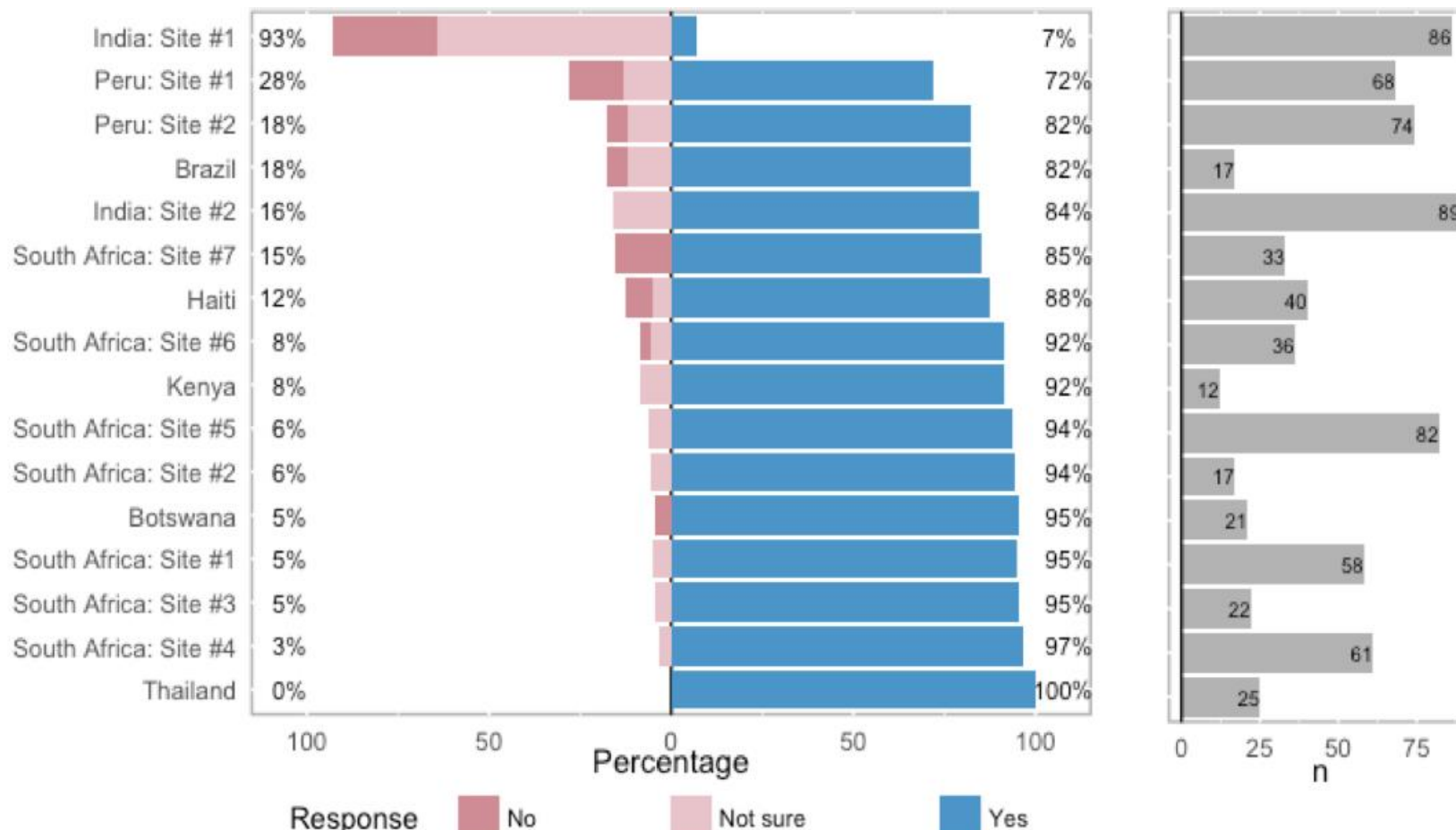
Characteristic	N (%)
Ineligible (had prevalent TB or not high risk)	350 (34%)
Potentially eligible	<b>666 (66%)</b>
<5 years	66 (10%)
≥ 5 years and HIV+	60 (9%)
LTBI+ (TST or IGRAs)	540 (81%)
Median # of eligible contacts per household	2 (IQR 1–3)

**Potentially eligible children <18yo:**

66 (<5 years) + 4 (≥5y&HIV+) + 160 (LTBI+) = **194 (29%)**

# Willingness to take Preventive therapy

n=741 HHCs  
median age 33  
62% women  
42% primary or less  
education



- HHC willingness to take preventive therapy was high (79%) with significant site-level variation

*Suryavanshi, Murill et al Poster at American Thoracic Society 2017*

# Characteristics of MDR-TB/RR-TB household contacts (n = 741) and factors associated with their willingness to take MDR-TB preventive therapy (PT)

Variables	Summary Statistics			Marginal Logistic Models (GEE with robust SE estimates)			
	Total n(%)	Willingness to Take MDR-TB PT		Simple (adjusted for Site Only)		Multivariable*	
		Yes n(%)	No/Not Sure n(%)	aOR(95%CI)	p-value	aOR(95%CI)	p-value
HOUSEHOLD CONTACT LEVEL VARIABLES							
Demographics							
Not currently employed or in school	400(54%)	309(77%)	91(23%)	0.73(0.46,1.13)	0.159	0.53(0.30,0.93)	0.028
TB-related Knowledge and Attitudes							
Partial knowledge-related to TB	248(33%)	139(56%)	109(44%)	0.35(0.21,0.59)	<0.001	0.51(0.28,0.93)	0.027
Belief: Will not die of MDR-TB without treatment	116(16%)	74(63%)	42(35%)	0.25(0.11,0.55)	0.001	0.43(0.17,1.19)	0.075
Perception: Family of someone with TB will not be rejected	596(80%)	482(81%)	114(19%)	0.46(0.22,0.95)	0.035	0.56(0.28,1.15)	0.116
Barriers to Preventive Therapy							
Not comfortable telling family about preventive therapy	248(33%)	145(58%)	103(42%)	0.34(0.21,0.55)	<0.001	0.40(0.22,0.71)	0.002
Not confident in properly taking preventive therapy	337(45%)	196(58%)	141(42%)	0.12(0.06,0.25)	<0.001	0.13(0.06,0.29)	<0.001
Medical and Social History							
Known previous treatment for TB	77(10%)	67(87%)	10(13%)	0.72(0.35,1.51)	0.389	0.46(0.17,1.22)	0.118
HOUSEHOLD LEVEL VARIABLES							
Household Characteristics							
No child <5 years of age in household	496(67%)	365(74%)	131(26%)	0.66(0.37,1.19)	0.170	0.50(0.26,0.98)	0.044
Pregnant household contact in household	70(9%)	43(62%)	27(38%)	0.43(0.19,0.97)	0.042	0.29(0.10,0.81)	0.019

Suryavanshi, Murill et al Poster at American Thoracic Society 2017

# PHOENIx Main Trial Timeline

- Protocol currently being revised and awaits pediatric modeled dosing (expected early July 2017)
- SIP June 8 2017
- CRFs, MOP, LPC in development
- Submit for Regulatory Review: End of July 2017
- Submit to RCC: 08/18/17
- Submit to FDA: 08/25/17
- Protocol to Sites: 08/28/17
- Regional Trainings: November 2017 onwards
- Study open to accrual 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2018



# Summary

- Enrolling MDR TB index cases and household contacts is feasible at ACTG and IMPAACT sites
- Need to confirm MDR TB as a substantial proportion of index cases only had RIF+ without any INH testing data
- More efforts and strategies needed to recruit and enroll young children
- Much learned from the feasibility study
- Anticipate opening of study in early-mid 2018



Thank you

