

Innovations for **Tackling Tuberculosis** in the time of COVID-19



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Dr. Zvi Marom

**Chairman of Adaltis and Ador,
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BATM Advanced Communications
Former Chairman Israel High Tech Association**

Dr. Zvi Marom founded BATM in 1992. He graduated with excellence in electronics from the Naval Academy and with excellence from the Advanced Naval Command Course. He has a postgraduate degree in medicine from the Sackler-Goldschlager School of Medicine, Israel and an MSc in industrial electronics.

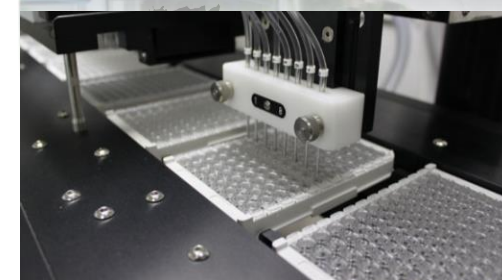
Dr. Marom is on the boards of several national and international academic committees for computing and bio-med, until 2021 served as Chairman of the Board of the Israeli Hi-Tech & Innovation Industries Association and has been awarded Israel's industry award for 2021.



Dr. Eran Zahavy

**CTO, BATM
Former Head of Innovation IIBR
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Dr. Eran Zahavy has nearly 20 years of leading positions in the R&D in Chemistry, Biology, Biophysics and IVD in the government research institutes (IIBR) and industry. Dr. Zahavy had served as the Head of Innovation IIBR for the last 5 years. In this capacity he had participate in leading the COVID-19 vaccine (BriLife) development and its license to NRX. Dr. Zahavy served as CTO at Israel leading clean-tech incubator "Hutchison-Kinorot" and CTO of TACount. Dr. Eran Zahavy holds a PhD in Chemistry & Biophysics from the Hebrew University and a Post Doc from the University of TX, Austin.





RATIONAL & TARGETS OF THE **NEW INNOVATION** PROPOSED

STEP 1

- ✓ Enable PCR MDR/XDR testing and execute scanning of large populations using novel Algo- combinatoric system. Can be done **together** with testing other respiratory conditions like **COVID-19**

STEP 2

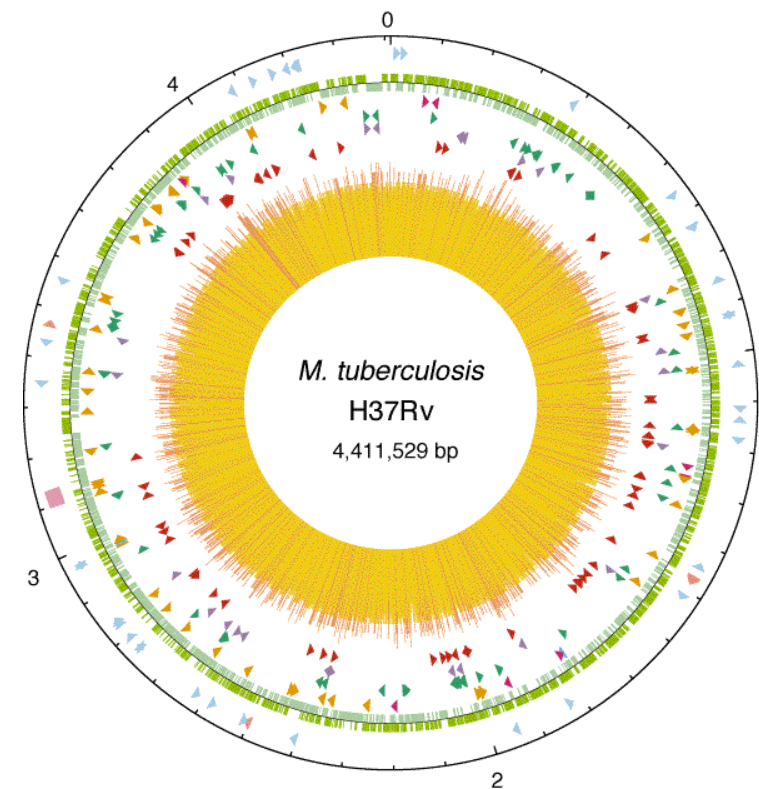
- ✓ Using Isothermal RCA test on existing equipment gives results in <30m. incl single point mutation, detecting MDR/XDR

STEP 3

- ✓ Personal \ POC-IsoThermal test enable detect Tb at places where there is no equipment and collect data via mobile





STEP 4

- ✓ Using Isothermal RCA test NATlab gives a comprehensive sample to answer POC <30 m. and gives regional/country based info





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#	Method	Readiness	Remarks	
1	PCR Test	Q4/2021	Yes/No/- Cheap Sub 5 EU	AMPLI lab & Other standard thermocyclers 
2	Combinatoric Algo Scanning	Q4/2021	Scanning Cost. 1:10-I.e sub 0.5 Eu\Test Tested and approved for COVID-19	
3	MDR/XDR PCR	Q2/2022	Multiplexed PCR on MAX 4 wells , can work with other multiplexed multi Respiratory panels	 EXTRA lab & Other liquid handlers 
4	IsoThermal personal POC kit	Q2/2022	High precision, no device needed, tested successfully with COVID-19, incl. computer report	
5	IsoThermal RCA Test	Q2/2022	Works on standard Liquid handlers, results including single point mutation < 30 m.	NAT lab 
6	POC RCA Test	Q2/2023	Comprehensive POC sample to answer solution for infectious diseases	

Remark: All systems(including personal and POC) are able to report to national AI or Databases -
Example : RAMZOR in Israel that handles all reporting and vaccination systems developed and implemented by BATM.



THE PCR KITS

- ✓ TB / NTM detection by rapid PCR kit
- ✓ Covering all TB and all NTM species by conserved genes
- ✓ Using automatic RCA / PCR expansion to Isoniazid, Rifampicin and Fluroquinolones

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NOVELL COMBINATORIC ALGO

UNIQUE VALUE PROPOSITION

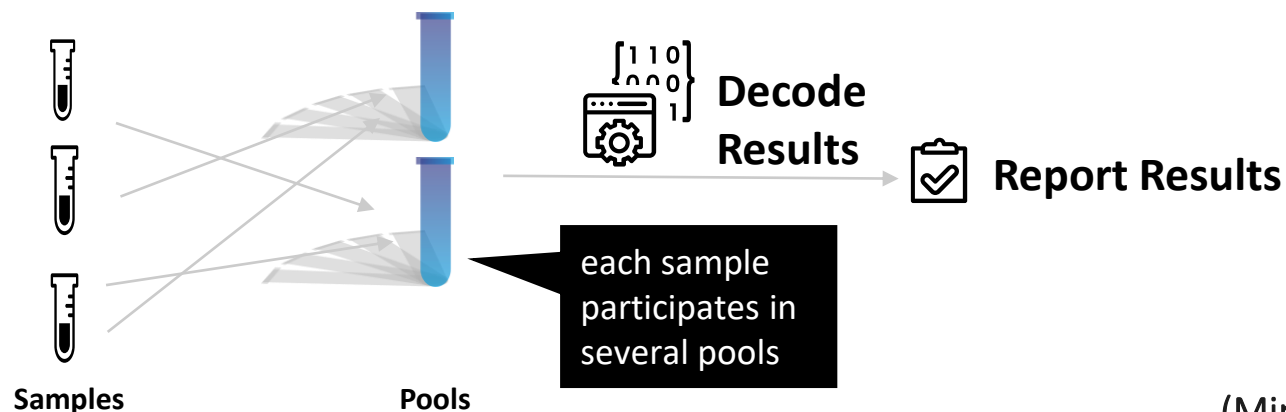
Combinatorial pooling
(PoolD Diagnostics software)

Single-stage Test

Test time: 

Test mixed samples

[by mathematic formula]



Highly efficient for population screens

**Optimal for
multiplexed PCR
tests**

**Saves x8 – x10 test
reagent costs for
prevalence <1%**

Rapid integration
(Minimal disturbance to lab workflow)

**Multiple
testing
platforms**

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SUGGESTED WORKFLOW



Combinatorial Pooling
Over EXTRA Lab (Adaltis) or
other liquid handlers, ~1 hour



Extraction and **multiplex** PCR using
TB-relevant primers

Decoding
algorithm



1 minute



Report results to Med.
Files of all subjects
for each primer pair

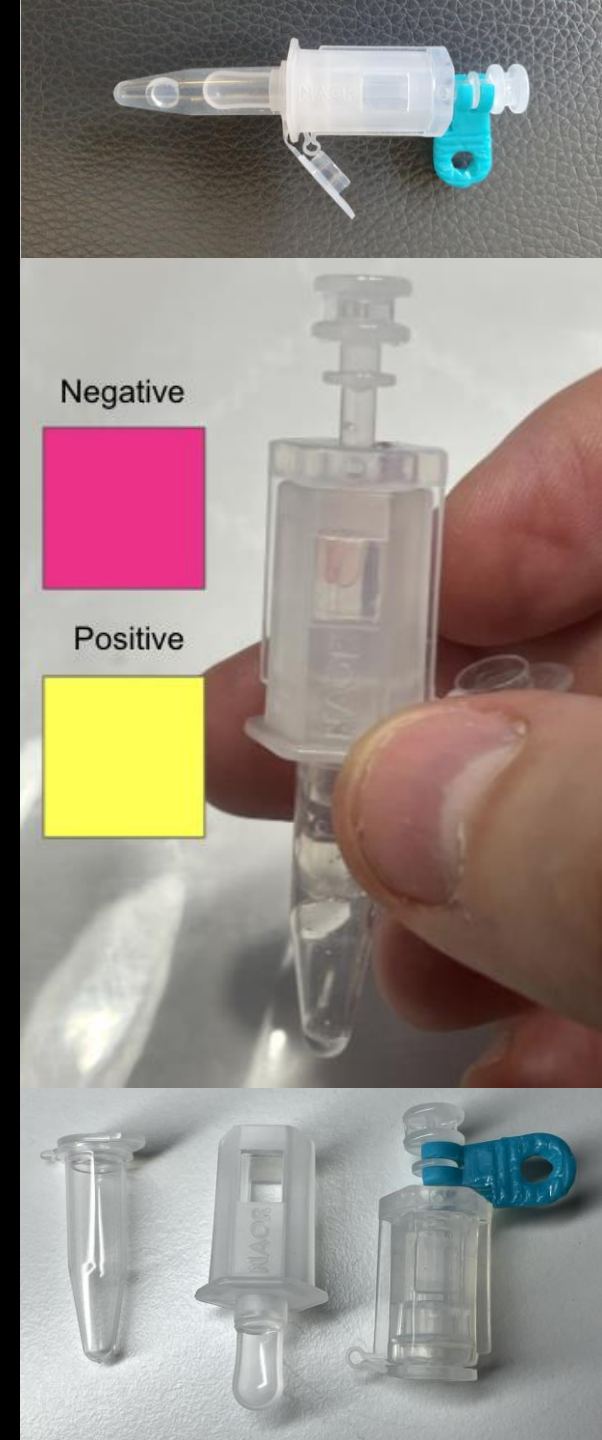
- Positive samples for each and every TB strain are detected in a single round of testing
- Pipeline like above can process 4000-5000 samples per day/instrument
- Reduction in reagent costs by a factor of 8-10



IsoThermal SINGLE TEST

- ✓ Rapid, Easy to use, Saliva-based molecular diagnostic platform for a variety of indications.
- ✓ Disruptive, modular and scalable process for a variety of non-lab settings.
- ✓ Based on a highly enhanced version of RT-LAMP, a well-recognized simplified, RNA extraction-free PCR process.
- ✓ Obtained CE for the COVID-19 indication, with high sensitivity (>90%) at the infectious range, >99% specificity. Easily adapted to new indications and targets.
- ✓ 40 minutes to obtain results of multi-samples, using self-collected samples, plain heaters and low skilled personnel. Color change reflects results, which can be easily viewed by a naked eye or by smartphone.
- ✓ Changing target indications by rapidly altering the primers and the buffer.
- ✓ TB diagnostic using RT-Lamp was already shown to be scientifically sound.
- ✓ Can be ready for large scale deployment within 12-18 months.

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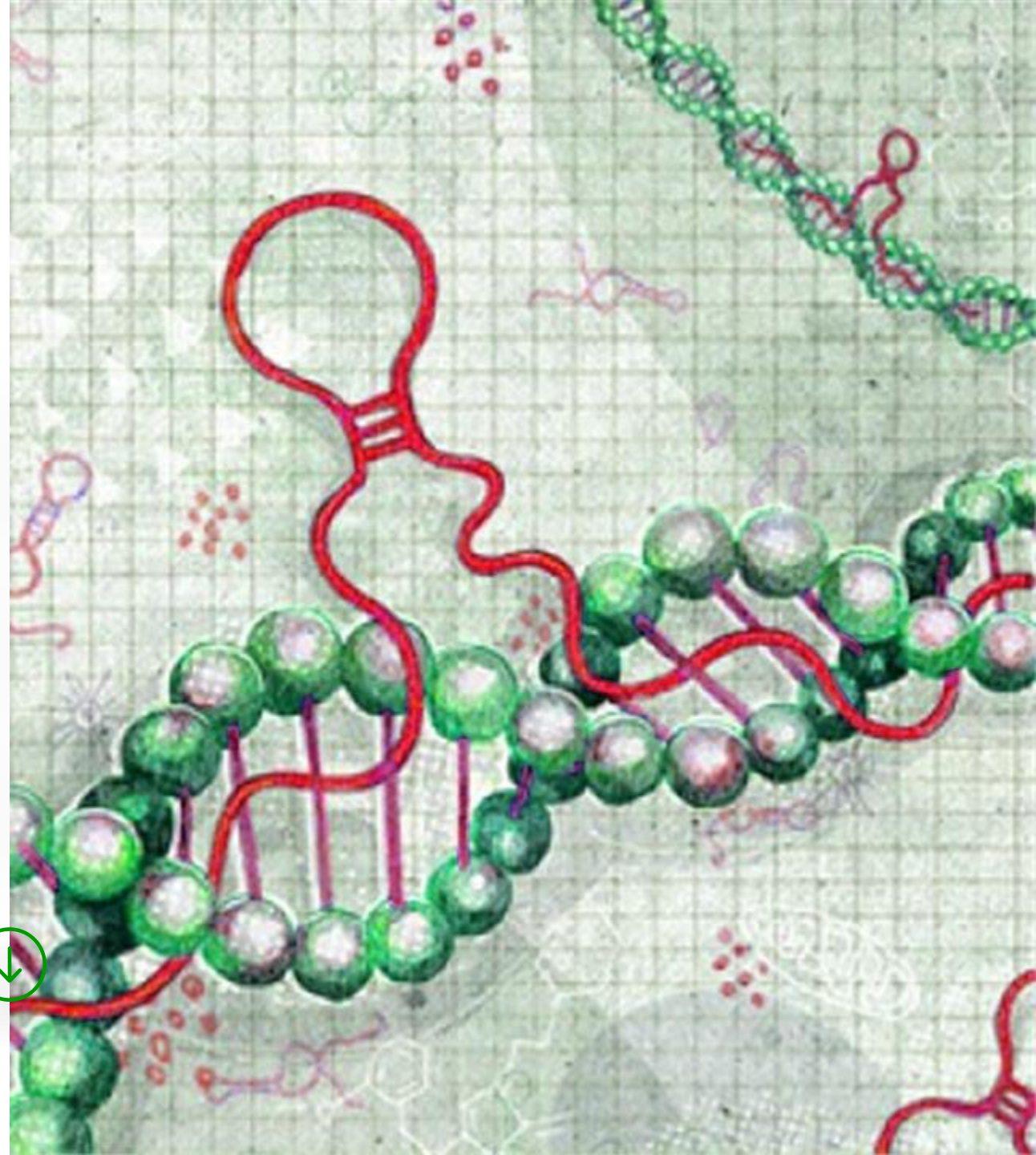
RCA VS PCR

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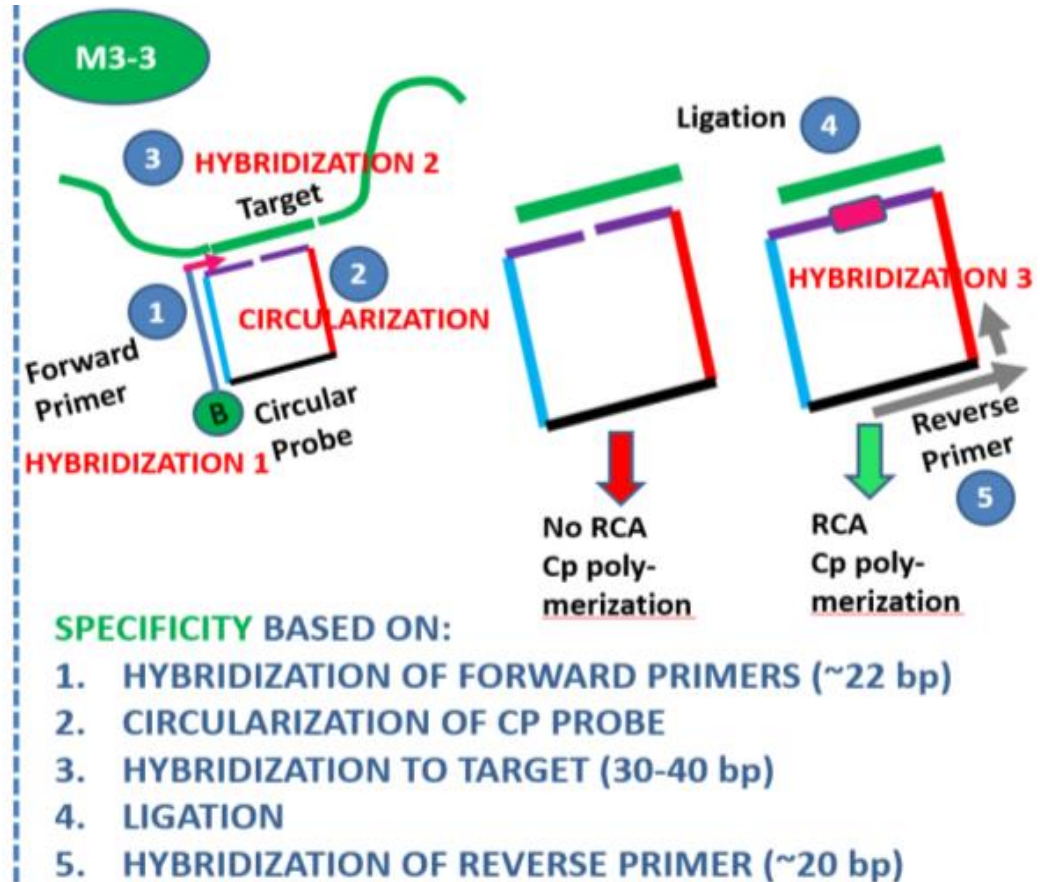
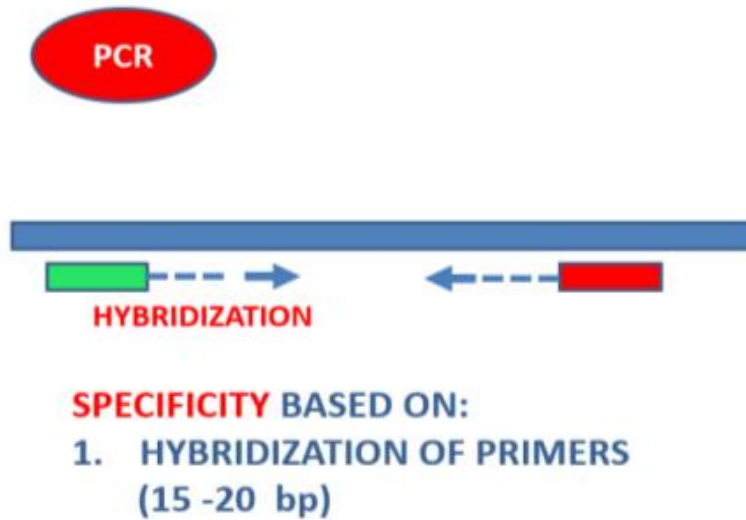


PCR vs RCA

MDx
Innovative
Rapid &
Compact
Solution



Confidential





Sample to answer system

15-90 min to result

Hands-on time < 2 min

Up to 100 pathogenic targets

NATlab is a **diagnostic (MDx) platform**

NATlab is unique:

- ✓ Rapid, fully automated, sample-to-answer, multiplexed analysis of individual samples.
- ✓ No need for preparation.
- ✓ No nucleic acid extraction for the PCR process.
- ✓ Up to 100 targets in one run.
- ✓ Performs on board data analysis and sends the results to the clinician with optional data sharing with public health services.
- ✓ Combines patented* electronic carbon array technology, innovative chemistry and state of the art micro fluidics, guaranteeing sensitivity and specificity.
- ✓ Ultra short time for panel development.
- ✓ The NATlab can be rapidly upgraded in case of a new pathogen appearance.

* **Patented: Several patents:**
US, Europe, Japan, Canada.

NATlab

Scalable Throughput

Horizontal Combination



NATlab Introduction Movie

<https://youtu.be/hywM-8x7uXM>



Rambam Hospital Clinical Testing

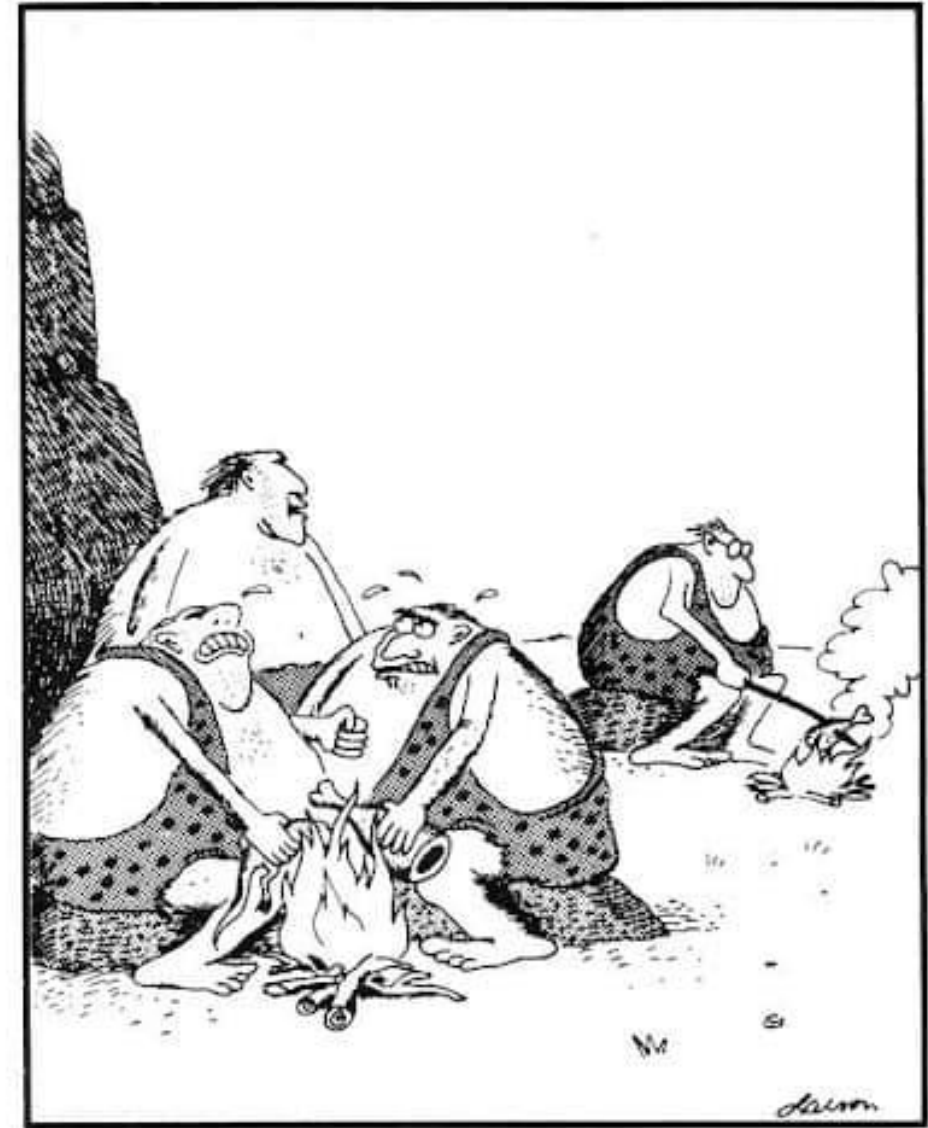
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SUMMARY

1. Approach TB from Innovation and not disease point of view.
2. Use PCR / IsoThermal + Algorithmic approach to scan populations and enable immediate start of suitable antibiotic treatment.
3. Lower cost in order of magnitude by taking that new approach.
4. Possibly “ride” on other respiratory illness, for example, COVID-19.
5. Use either standard of the shelf lab equipment or enable rigorous POC's with NATlab sample to answer solution.



"Hey! Look what Zog do!"

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