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Abstract:

Tuberculosis kills 2 million people each year. The global epidemic is growing and becoming more dangerous. The breakdown in health services, the spread of HIV/AIDS and the emergence of multidrugresistant TB are contributing to the worsening impact of this disease.

It is estimated that between 2000 and 2020, nearly one billion people will be newly infected, 200 million people will get sick, and 35 million will die from TB - if control is not further strengthened.

In the 'Fourth Global Report On Tuberculosis Control' given by WHO, it is given that in 1998 the number of new smear – positive Tuberculosis cases detected by DOTS programme was 7,67,235, The number is just double the number of new cases detected in 1995. It has been observed that the number of cases reported under DOTS has increased by about 120000 per year on average since 1994. The five high burden countries include China, South Africa, India, Bangladesh and Philippines.

In homoeopathy, we have a very effective and tested treatment for tuberculosis. In our research foundation clinics, our method of treatment is somewhat different from the classical homeopathic methods. In our modified methods, for Pulmonary infections we use Kali Carbonicum 200c (i.e. potassium carbonate potentised to 200th dilution 10-400) in conjugation with Ferrum Phosphoricum 3X (1 in 1000 dilution). We find this to be very effective. Along with this we prescribe medicines for control of symptoms – Bryonia Album 30c in conjugation with Aconite Napellus 200c often gives quick relief of cough and haemoptysis. Bryonia Album 30c is also independently effective for the treatment of tuberculosis. One disadvantage of repeated doses of Bryonia Album 30c is that it can initiate haemoptysis. So on long observation we have over come this by mixing Aconite Napellus 200c with Bryonia Album 30c. This combination dose is very effective, affects quick relief and has no side effects.