

Guest Editors

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Alberto L. García-Basteiro is Associate Research Professor at the Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal) – Hospital Clínic in Barcelona (Spain) and coordinates the TB research area at the Centro de Investigação em Saúde de Manhica (CISM) in Manhica (Mozambique). He trained as a physician at the University of Santiago de Compostela (USC) (Santiago, Spain), and finished his residency on preventive medicine and public health at Hospital Clínic in Barcelona. He completed an MSc in epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) (London, UK), and a PhD at the University of Amsterdam (Amsterdam, the Netherlands).

Alberto currently leads research focused on the study of TB in high TB-burden and high HIV-burden settings in sub-Saharan Africa, including field epidemiological assessments, novel sputum-free diagnostic evaluations, and drug and vaccine clinical trials. His interests include the burden of TB disease in different vulnerable populations and the characterisation of TB at a clinical, microbiological and social level.

Alberto has published over 170 manuscripts in peer-reviewed biomedical journals, and has attracted international funding from the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trial Partnership (EDCTP), the National Institute for Health (NIH), the Stop TB Partnership, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute, among others. His scientific contributions have been recognised by several international organisations. In 2017, he received the Young Investigator Prize, awarded by the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union). He also received the Early Career Member Award from the European Respiratory Society (ERS) in 2020, and the Stephen Lawn TB-HIV Research Leadership Prize from the LSHTM, the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre at the University of Cape Town (Cape Town, South Africa) and The Union in 2021.

Füsun Öner Eyübođlu

Füsun Öner Eyübođlu currently practices at her private clinic and holds adjunct teaching positions at private medical schools.

She trained as a physician at the Medical School of Ankara University (Ankara, Turkey) and completed her residency on pulmonology at the Atatürk Chest Diseases and Surgery Center (Ankara). She was a research fellow at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA, USA) and was involved in several projects and clinical trials relating to the immunology of TB. She started work as a specialist at the Başkent University Faculty of Medicine (Ankara) in 1997 and became a professor at the same division in 2007. During this time, she established the Pulmonary Division at Başkent University and was Chair of the division from 2000 to 2016.

Füsun was a member of the Tuberculosis Advisory Board of the Turkish Ministry of Health National. Throughout her academic career, she has made a notable contribution to the education and training of medical students, as well as specialists in the field of pulmonology.

Füsun's research focuses on pulmonary infection in immunocompromised patients (solid organ transplant patients and other immunosuppressed conditions) and the immunology/diagnosis of TB. She also has expertise in the diagnosis and management of TB among immunocompromised patients.

Füsun has participated in several national and international research projects and clinical trials as principal investigator or co-investigator of the diagnosis of latent TBI in renal failure and solid organ transplant patients. She has collaborated in several TB-NET/European Respiratory Society (ERS) research projects and produced a number of peer-reviewed publications. Füsun has been the Secretary of the ERS Group "Tuberculosis and non-tuberculosis mycobacterial diseases" since 2021.



Molebogeng X. Rangaka



Molebogeng X Rangaka is a Professor in Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Public Health at the Institute of Global Health and the MRC Clinical Trials Unit, University College London (London, UK). She holds the position of honorary Associate Professor at the University of Cape Town (Cape Town, South Africa) where she has contributed to global health research in infectious diseases within the School of Public Health and the Wellcome Centre for Clinical Infectious Disease Research Institute in Africa (CIDRIAFRICA) since 2005. She is the co-Director of the Clinical Research Platform of the Wellcome-funded Discovery Platform Award.

Lele held a position at the WHO Global TB Programme as the consultant lead for TB prevention, responsible for policy development on the programmatic management of LTBI testing and treatment, with particular focus on under-resourced high-burden contexts. She is the Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre on TB Research and Innovation and the lead for the WHO global TB-IPD platform for TB treatment and outcomes at University College London.

Her research spans the epidemiology of poverty-related diseases, randomised assessment of public health technology, digital health innovation and implementation science. Her team conducts clinical trials into TB prevention across a range of multimorbidities, people at risk and world regions.

Lele sits on a number of international working groups, including TB-LEAP, the Collaboration for TB Vaccine Discovery (CTVD), the Cross-Network TB Vaccine Working Group (TB Vaccine WG), the Maternal and Child Working Group of The Union (the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease) and the LTBI Task Force of the Stop TB New Diagnostic Working Group. She is also a member of The Lancet Digital Health International Advisory Board and UCL-TB Leadership.