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## <u>Highlights of the study:</u>

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The following are the key highlights and take home summary points from the study.

- A total of 1602 MDR-TB patients registered between July 2011 and Sep 2013 were included in the study.
- A total of 4858 household contacts of these 1602 patients were identified with an average of 3 contacts per MDR-TB patient. Of these, after excluding 87 (1.8%) contacts with past history of diagnosis and/or treatment for TB, 4771 (98.2%) contacts were screened for current signs and symptoms suggestive of TB. Their mean age was 28.5 years and 2151 (45%) were females.
- Of the 4771 contacts screened, 793 (16.6%) had at least one of the symptoms suggestive of TB of whom 781 (98.5%) had two sputum samples transported and processed on Xpert MTB-Rif.
- A total of 34 (4.4%) contacts among 781 tested were bacteriologically confirmed with TB, of whom 15 (44%) also had Rif Resistance (RR).
- High extent of TB, particularly RR-TB was observed among household contacts of known MDR-TB patients with symptom screening and sample transport for testing with Xpert-MTB-Rif.
- Regular systematic active screening for TB and MDR-TB among this highly vulnerable group using Xpert-MTB-Rif is necessary in India for early diagnosis and prompt treatment along with counselling of patients and family on treatment adherence and infection control measures to reduce the pool of infection in the community.

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