Latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) is responsible for most TB cases in low incidence countries. Reactivation TB significantly contributes to transmission in high burden countries. Diagnosis and treatment of LTBI decreases the overall TB burden, it is one of the key activities in low incidence countries and included in the post 2015 Global TB Strategy. WHO and ECDC are developing policy guidance, based on evidence, to position management of LTBI as a key intervention for TB elimination. The symposium will discuss the results and process of the policy development and debate their advanced utility.

Objectives:
1. To highlighting LTBI significance particularly in the context of post 2015 Global TB Strategy
2. To present and discuss the process and results of WHO and ECDC policy on LTBI
3. To summarize the research gaps for LTBI management and highlight research questions and hypothesis

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   Katharina Kranzer (UK)
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   Ibrahim Abubakar (UK)
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