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The highest levels of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) ever recorded have been revealed in a study published this month in the *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*.

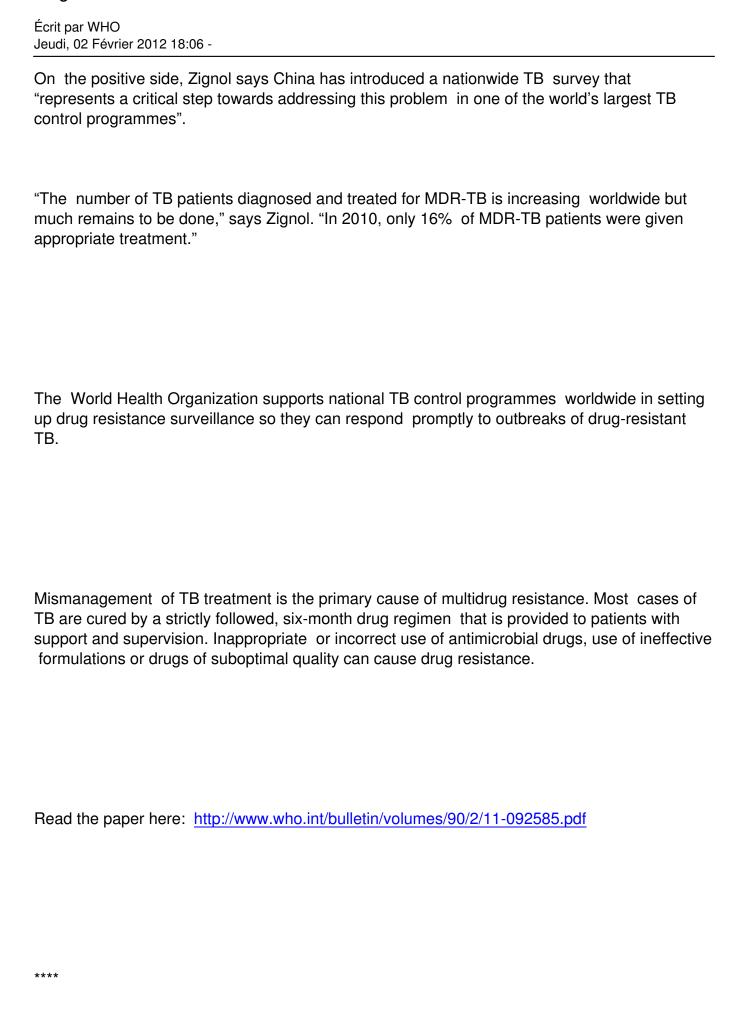
A new global overview of TB drug resistance shows record levels of this serious public health threat, with some countries reporting MDR-TB in more than 65% of patients who have been previously treated for TB. This study is the most comprehensive analysis available of all types of TB drug resistance using current global data.

Cases of MDR-TB have been reported in 80 countries, in some instances in almost 30% of all newly diagnosed cases. High rates of drug resistance were reported in Belarus, Estonia, the Russian Federation and Tajikistan.

"Surveillance of resistance to drugs is the cornerstone of TB control," says Dr Matteo Zignol, from the Stop TB Department at the World Health Organization.

"Following 15 years of intensive effort, we now have high quality data for two-thirds of countries in the world. At the same time, we don't know the full extent of the problem because we lack data from many countries, in particular India and most of Africa where the TB burden is high."

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