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# Towards selective tuberculosis screening of people in prison in a low-incidence country

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**Screening all prisoners in low-incidence countries is not effective. Screening data can help to direct screening activities. Continuity of tuberculosis treatment and care is a major concern in prisoners after their release from prison.** <http://bit.ly/2rzn5l8>

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## To the Editor:

In 2018, 806 tuberculosis (TB) patients were notified in the Netherlands, which was the second lowest number recorded since notification became mandatory in 1980; only 2017 had fewer notified cases (n=783) [1]. In this century, TB notification rates in the Netherlands declined by 50%, from 9.3 patients per 100 000 population in 2001 (1492 patients) to 4.7 per 100 000 in 2018. In 2018, 77% of the TB patients were born outside the Netherlands.