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Philippe Glaziou et al. (573–582) predict global targets of halving tuberculosis deaths from 1990 to 2015 can be achieved.

Engaging civil society

Haileyesus Getahun & Mario Raviglione (616–618) discuss how civil society should play a greater role in tuberculosis prevention and care.

Antibiotics for severe malnutrition

Marzia Lazzerini & David Tickell (594–607) review the evidence for giving broad-spectrum antibiotics to children with severe acute malnutrition.

Maternal depression and child growth

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