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REVIEW OF MATHEMATICAL MODELS FOR TUBERCULOSIS WITH REFERENCE TO INDIA

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Abstract: Tuberculosis (TB) poses a substantial public health challenge globally, with India carrying one of the highest burdens. This research conducts a comprehensive review of mathematical models used to understand TB transmission dynamics, specifically within the unique context of India. The paper analyzes model structures, key parameters, interventions, and demographic considerations. It scrutinizes the simulated impact of interventions, validates models against real-world data, and recognizes common challenges. The paper concludes with outlined future research directions to guide policymakers, researchers, and practitioners involved in TB control initiatives in India.
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1. Introduction:

Tuberculosis remains a significant global health concern, particularly in India, where the disease exerts a considerable burden on public health. This paper aims to critically review and analyze existing mathematical models that contribute to the understanding of TB transmission dynamics in the specific context of India. Tuberculosis (TB) stands as one of the most enduring and pervasive infectious diseases, imposing a considerable burden on global public health. Caused by the Mycobacterium tuberculosis, it primarily affects the lungs, but it can also affect other parts of the body such as the brain, spine, or kidneys. TB is one of the top 10 causes of death worldwide, and it remains a significant public health concern [3]. Tuberculosis is primarily caused by Mycobacterium tuberculosis, a bacterium that spreads through the air. When someone with active TB coughs, sneezes, or talks, they release infectious aerosol droplets into the air, which can be inhaled by others. However, not everyone infected with TB bacteria becomes sick. Some individuals harbor the bacteria in a latent form, where the immune system keeps the bacteria under control and prevents them from causing symptoms. TB can be classified as Pulmonary TB, the most usual form of TB, affecting the lungs & Extra-pulmonary TB that affects other parts of the body outside the lungs, such as the lymph nodes, bones, joints, or organs like the kidneys or brain. TB spreads when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. Close and prolonged contact with an infected individual increases the risk of transmission. However, not everyone who is exposed to TB bacteria becomes infected, and not everyone infected becomes sick. Some of the common symptoms of TB are Persistent cough that lasts more than three weeks, Chest pain, Coughing up blood or sputum, Fatigue, Fever, Night sweats, Loss of appetite, Unintentional weight loss & Chills. Diagnosis of TB involves Tuberculin skin test (TST or Mantoux test), This involves injecting a small amount of purified protein derivative (PPD) tuberculin into the skin of the forearm and checking for a reaction after 48 to 72 hours. Interferon-gamma release assays (IGRAs), Blood tests that measure the body's immune response to TB bacteria. Chest X-ray, to check for abnormalities in the lungs suggestive of TB.

TB is treatable and curable with antibiotics. The most common treatment regimen involves a combination of several antibiotics taken over a period of six to nine months. Commonly used drugs include isoniazid, rifampicin, ethambutol, and pyrazinamide. It's crucial for patients to complete the entire course of medication as prescribed by their healthcare provider to ensure successful treatment and prevent the development of drug-resistant TB. Preventing the spread of TB involves a combination of strategies, including:

- Identifying and treating individuals with active TB promptly.
- Screening high-risk populations, such as healthcare workers, prisoners, and individuals living in overcrowded or poorly ventilated settings.
- Vaccination with the Bacillus Calmette-Guérin (BCG) vaccine, although its effectiveness varies.
- Implementing infection control measures, such as ensuring proper ventilation in healthcare facilities and promoting respiratory hygiene practices.

Despite significant advancements in medical science, TB remains a formidable challenge, particularly in regions with high prevalence, and is responsible for substantial morbidity and mortality worldwide.

2. Tuberculosis Globally & in India

Globally, TB ranks among the top infectious killers, causing millions of infections and claiming numerous lives annually. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that over 10 million people fell ill with TB in 2020, and approximately 1.5 million succumbed to the disease [3]. The impact of TB extends beyond individual health, exerting a profound socio-economic toll, especially in resource-constrained regions. Nowhere is the burden of TB more evident than in India, where the sheer size and diversity of the population, coupled with socio-economic challenges, create a unique environment for the transmission and persistence of the disease. India consistently reports a high incidence of TB cases, making it crucial to delve into the specific dynamics of TB transmission within the country. Factors such as population density, varied healthcare infrastructure, and socio-economic disparities contribute to the complexity of TB control efforts.

3. Mathematical Models for Infectious Disease

The study of infectious diseases, including TB, has witnessed a paradigm shift with the advent of mathematical modeling. Mathematical models provide a systematic and quantitative framework to understand the dynamics of disease transmission within populations. These models serve as invaluable tools for predicting the spread of infectious diseases, evaluating the impact of interventions, and informing public health policies. In the context of TB, mathematical models offer a powerful means to unravel the intricate web of factors influencing disease transmission. By simulating the interactions between susceptible, infected, and recovered individuals, these models provide insights into the potential trajectories of TB epidemics and the effectiveness of various control strategies. In the Indian context, where the burden of TB is substantial and diverse, the application of mathematical models becomes particularly pertinent.

This research paper aims to conduct a comprehensive review of existing mathematical models employed in the study of TB transmission dynamics, with a specific focus on India. By synthesizing and critically evaluating these models, we seek to enhance our understanding of TB dynamics within the unique socio-economic, demographic, and healthcare conditions prevalent in India. The insights gained from this review will not only contribute to the academic discourse on infectious disease modeling but also offer practical implications for policymakers, researchers, and practitioners actively engaged in TB control initiatives in India.

4. Objectives of the study

The Objectives of this study are as follows:

To Conduct a Comprehensive Review:

Undertake an extensive review of existing mathematical models used to study tuberculosis (TB) transmission dynamics, with a specific emphasis on research conducted within the unique context of India. This involves identifying and analyzing relevant studies, publications, and mathematical modeling frameworks employed in the Indian setting.

To Analyze Model Structures:

Systematically analyze the structural components of mathematical models utilized in TB research, focusing on the specific adaptations and variations made to suit the diverse demographic, socioeconomic, and healthcare conditions prevalent in India. This objective aims to assess the suitability of different model structures for capturing the nuances of TB transmission dynamics in the Indian population.

To Evaluate Key Parameters and Interventions:

Evaluate the key parameters employed in the reviewed models, considering their appropriateness and relevance within the Indian context. This includes an in-depth analysis of the simulated impact of various interventions and policies within these models, providing insights into their potential effectiveness in controlling TB transmission in India.

To Scrutinize Demographic Factors:

Scrutinize how demographic factors, including age, gender, and migration, are incorporated into the mathematical models. Assess the influence of these demographic variables on TB transmission dynamics, acknowledging the heterogeneity of the Indian population and its impact on disease spread.

To Recognize Common Challenges and Limitations:

Identify and analyze common challenges and limitations inherent in the mathematical models reviewed. This objective aims to critically examine issues such as data quality, assumptions, and generalizability, providing a comprehensive understanding of the potential constraints associated with current TB modeling approaches in India.

To Outline Future Research Directions:

Provide a forward-looking perspective by outlining future research directions in the field of TB modeling in India. This involves suggesting areas for improvement, emphasizing the need for more context-specific models, and proposing avenues for addressing emerging challenges in TB transmission dynamics within the Indian population.

5. Methodology

The methodology employed in this research involves a systematic review of existing mathematical models used to analyze tuberculosis (TB) transmission dynamics, with a specific focus on the unique context of India. To ensure a comprehensive understanding of the landscape, a literature search was conducted across reputable scientific databases, including PubMed, Scopus, and Web of Science. Relevant studies were selected based on their applicability to the Indian demographic, socioeconomic, and healthcare conditions.

The mathematical models identified in the literature were then analyzed for their structures, key parameters, and interventions. Emphasis was placed on capturing the intricacies of TB transmission within the diverse population of India. The review considered various types of models, including compartmental models such as Susceptible-Infectious-Removed (SIR) and Susceptible-Exposed-Infectious-Removed (SEIR), agent-based models, and differential equation models.

The comprehensive methodology employed in this research ensures a thorough exploration of mathematical models for TB in the context of India, laying the foundation for a nuanced understanding of the disease's dynamics in this diverse and populous country.

6. Model Structures:

Mathematical models used in the study of tuberculosis (TB) transmission dynamics vary in complexity and design. The choice of model structure plays a pivotal role in capturing the nuances of TB spread within the unique context of India. This section provides a detailed exploration of different model structures employed in TB research, highlighting their strengths, limitations, and relevance to the diverse demographic, socioeconomic, and healthcare conditions in India.

6.1 Compartmental Models

Compartmental models, such as Susceptible-Infectious-Removed (SIR) and Susceptible-Exposed-Infectious-Removed (SEIR), form the backbone of TB modeling. These models divide the population into distinct compartments based on disease status. The SIR model, for instance, includes individuals who are Susceptible, Infectious, and Recovered. The SEIR model introduces an Exposed compartment to account for the latent period between infection and becoming infectious [4]. These compartmental models have been widely utilized due to their simplicity and ease of interpretation [1].

6.2 Agent-Based Models

Agent-based models (ABMs) provide a more granular approach by simulating individual entities (agents) and their interactions. In the context of TB, each agent represents an individual, and the model tracks their movement, interactions, and disease status. This approach is particularly valuable in capturing heterogeneity within populations, considering factors like age, gender, and geographical location. [5] Agent-based models offer a more realistic representation of social networks and can account for localized variations in TB transmission [2].

6.3 Hybrid Models

Hybrid models combine elements of both compartmental and agent-based approaches, offering a flexible framework that can capture both population-level dynamics and individual-level interactions. These models integrate the advantages of simplicity from compartmental models and the detailed representation of interactions from agent-based models. Hybrid models are well-suited for studying TB transmission in India, where the interplay between urban and rural populations, diverse age groups, and varying healthcare infrastructures necessitates a comprehensive modeling approach. [6]

6.4 Spatial Models

Spatial models explicitly consider geographical variations in TB transmission. These models incorporate spatial heterogeneity by dividing the population into regions or incorporating spatial connectivity networks. In the context of India, where TB prevalence can vary significantly across states and regions, spatial models help account for localized factors influencing disease spread. This approach is crucial for tailoring interventions to specific geographic areas with higher TB burdens [7].

6.5 Time Series Models

Time series models focus on capturing temporal patterns in TB transmission. These models utilize historical epidemiological data to identify trends, seasonality, and long-term patterns in disease incidence. Given the dynamic nature of TB transmission in India, influenced by factors such as climate, migration patterns, and healthcare infrastructure, time series models contribute to a deeper understanding of the temporal dynamics of TB [8].

6.6 Challenges & Future Directions in Model Structures

Despite the diversity of model structures, challenges exist in adapting them to the Indian context. Assumptions about homogeneous mixing, which may not hold in the presence of diverse demographic and social structures, can impact the accuracy of predictions. The challenge lies in striking a balance between model simplicity and the ability to capture the complexity of TB transmission in India. Future research in TB modeling should focus on refining and expanding model structures to better align with the unique features of TB transmission in India. This includes incorporating more detailed demographic data, refining spatial models to reflect regional variations, and improving the representation of healthcare access and utilization in the models[10]. The integration of machine learning techniques and data-driven approaches can further enhance the predictive power of models within the Indian context [9].

7. Key Parameters

The success and accuracy of mathematical models in capturing tuberculosis (TB) transmission dynamics depend on the careful selection and consideration of key parameters. These parameters govern the interactions between susceptible, infected, and recovered individuals, influencing the trajectory of TB epidemics. In the context of India, where diverse demographic, socioeconomic, and healthcare conditions prevail, understanding and appropriately incorporating key parameters is crucial for developing models that accurately reflect the complexities of TB transmission.

7.1 Transmission Rate

The transmission rate represents the likelihood of transmission from an infectious individual to a susceptible individual. In the Indian context, factors influencing transmission include population density, household structures, and cultural practices [11]. Understanding the variations in transmission rates across different settings in India is essential for capturing the heterogeneity of TB dynamics.

7.2 Recovery Rate

The recovery rate signifies the rate at which infected individuals recover and become immune or removed from the infectious pool. In India, the recovery rate is influenced by healthcare infrastructure, access to treatment, and the efficacy of TB drugs. Regional variations in healthcare resources and treatment adherence impact the recovery rate, emphasizing the need for an accurate representation in mathematical models [12].

7.3 Latent Period

For models incorporating an exposed compartment, the latent period (σ) represents the duration between infection and the individual becoming infectious. In India, factors such as nutrition, comorbidities, and healthcare-seeking behavior can affect the duration of the latent period. Accounting for these variations is crucial for accurately modeling TB transmission dynamics [13].

7.4 Birth and Death Rates

The birth rate and death rate are fundamental demographic parameters that impact population size and structure. In India, where demographic factors play a significant role in TB transmission, accounting for birth and death rates is essential. Changes in population dynamics due to factors like migration, age distribution, and population growth influence the overall burden of TB[14].

7.5 Mixing Patterns and Contact Rates

Modeling the mixing patterns and contact rates between individuals is critical for capturing the social and cultural dynamics of TB transmission. In India, where diverse cultural practices, social structures, and mobility patterns exist, understanding how individuals come into contact and the frequency of these interactions is vital for modeling accurate contact rates [15].

7.6 Age-Structured Parameters

TB transmission dynamics vary across age groups, and age-specific parameters play a crucial role in capturing these nuances. Considering age-structured parameters in the models allows for a more realistic representation of TB transmission, particularly in a country like India with a wide range of age demographics [16].

7.7 Healthcare Access and Diagnostic Parameters

Parameters related to healthcare access, including the probability of seeking healthcare, diagnostic accuracy, and treatment initiation rates, are essential in modeling TB in India. Variations in healthcare infrastructure, awareness, and diagnostic capabilities across different regions necessitate careful consideration of these parameters [17].

7.8 Drug Resistance Parameters

Given the emergence of drug-resistant TB strains, incorporating parameters related to drug resistance is imperative. Understanding the prevalence of drug-resistant TB, treatment success rates, and the impact of drug resistance on transmission dynamics is crucial for modeling the evolving landscape of TB in India [18].

7.9 Social and Behavioral Parameters

Social and behavioral parameters, such as migration patterns, adherence to treatment, and stigma associated with TB, significantly influence transmission dynamics. In the Indian context, where

cultural beliefs and social norms play a prominent role, accounting for these parameters is vital for developing models that reflect the realities of TB transmission.
In conclusion, the selection and understanding of key parameters are fundamental to the success of mathematical models in studying TB transmission dynamics in India [19]. The intricate interplay between demographic, socioeconomic, and healthcare factors necessitates a nuanced approach to parameterization, ensuring that models accurately represent the complexities of TB transmission within the diverse landscape of the country.

8. Demographic Factors
Demographic factors play a significant role in shaping the dynamics of tuberculosis (TB) transmission, especially in the context of India. Understanding how age, gender, and migration influence susceptibility, exposure, and disease progression is crucial for developing mathematical models that accurately capture the complexities of TB in this diverse population.
8.1 Age
Age is a key demographic factor that strongly influences TB transmission dynamics. Different age groups exhibit varying susceptibilities, contact patterns, and immune responses to TB. In India, where the population spans a wide age range, modeling TB transmission requires careful consideration of age-specific parameters[20]. Children, for example, may be more susceptible due to developing immune systems, while older adults may face increased risk due to comorbidities.
8.2 Gender
Gender is another important demographic factor affecting TB transmission. In many settings, including India, there are gender-specific patterns in healthcare-seeking behavior, social interactions, and exposure to risk factors [21]. Understanding and incorporating gender-related dynamics into mathematical models is crucial for accurately reflecting TB transmission patterns. This is particularly relevant in India, where cultural norms and gender roles may impact healthcare access and disease exposure differently for men and women.
8.3 Migration
Migration patterns contribute significantly to TB transmission dynamics, especially in a country as vast and diverse as India. Migration can introduce TB into new areas, influence transmission between regions, and impact the spread of drug-resistant strains. Modeling migration patterns helps capture the mobility of individuals, the potential introduction of TB from high-burden regions, and the subsequent impact on the overall TB landscape in India [22].
8.4 Socioeconomic Status
Socioeconomic status, encompassing factors such as income, education, and occupation, plays a critical role in TB transmission. Individuals with lower socioeconomic status may face challenges in accessing healthcare, live in crowded conditions, and experience malnutrition all of which contribute to increased susceptibility to TB. In India, where socioeconomic disparities are pronounced, accounting for these factors in mathematical models is essential [23].
8.5 Urban-Rural Dynamics
The distinction between urban and rural settings introduces unique challenges to TB transmission modeling. Urban areas often experience higher population density, increased mobility, and different healthcare infrastructure compared to rural areas. Modeling the urban-rural dynamics in India helps capture variations in TB transmission patterns, healthcare access, and population interactions [24].
8.6 Household Composition
The structure and composition of household's influence TB transmission, especially considering the airborne nature of the disease. Crowded living conditions, common in many parts of India, can facilitate the spread of TB within households. Modeling household composition helps understand intra-household transmission dynamics and the impact on overall TB prevalence [25].
8.7 Cultural Practices
Cultural practices and social norms have a profound impact on TB transmission. Practices such as communal living, close-knit social networks, and specific healthcare-seeking behaviors may vary

across different cultural groups in India. Integrating cultural factors into mathematical models is crucial for accurately reflecting the social context in which TB transmission occurs [26].

8.8 Access to Healthcare

The availability and accessibility of healthcare services influence TB transmission patterns. Disparities in healthcare infrastructure, including diagnostic facilities and treatment centers, can affect the timely detection and management of TB cases. Modeling access to healthcare helps assess the impact of variations in healthcare infrastructure on TB transmission in different regions of India.

In summary, demographic factors are pivotal in shaping TB transmission dynamics in India. Developing comprehensive mathematical models requires a nuanced understanding and integration of age, gender, migration, socioeconomic status, urban-rural dynamics, household composition, cultural practices, and access to healthcare within the diverse and dynamic demographic landscape of the country.

9. Interventions and Policies

Effectively controlling tuberculosis (TB) in India requires the implementation of targeted interventions and policies. Mathematical models play a crucial role in assessing the potential impact of these strategies on TB transmission dynamics. This section explores various interventions and policies implemented in the Indian context, highlighting their simulated impact within mathematical models.

- Directly Observed Treatment, Short-Course (DOTS): The Directly Observed Treatment, Short-Course (DOTS) strategy is a cornerstone of TB control in India. DOTS involves the supervised administration of anti-TB medications, ensuring treatment adherence. Mathematical models assess the impact of DOTS on reducing TB transmission by enhancing treatment success rates, lowering infectious periods, and preventing the development of drug-resistant strains.
- Active Case Finding: Active case finding involves proactively identifying and treating individuals with TB, particularly in high-risk populations. Mathematical models simulate the impact of targeted active case finding initiatives, assessing their effectiveness in detecting and treating cases earlier, thereby reducing the overall burden of TB in India.
- Contact Tracing: Contact tracing aims to identify and test individuals who have been in close contact with confirmed TB cases. Models evaluate the effectiveness of contact tracing in preventing secondary transmission, particularly in densely populated areas. Simulations help quantify the impact of contact tracing on reducing the spread of TB within communities.
- Latent TB Infection (LTBI) Treatment: Treating individuals with latent TB infection (LTBI) can prevent the progression to active TB. Mathematical models assess the impact of LTBI treatment on reducing the overall TB burden by targeting individuals at higher risk of developing active disease, such as those with compromised immune systems or recent exposure to TB.
- Improving Healthcare Access: Enhancing access to healthcare facilities, diagnostic services, and treatment centers is a crucial intervention for TB control. Models evaluate the impact of improved healthcare access on early case detection, timely treatment initiation, and overall reduction in TB transmission.
- Public Awareness Campaigns: Public awareness campaigns aim to educate communities about TB symptoms, treatment options, and the importance of seeking healthcare. Mathematical models simulate the impact of such campaigns on reducing delays in diagnosis, improving treatment adherence, and fostering a supportive environment for TB control initiatives.
- Drug-Resistant TB Management: Given the emergence of drug-resistant TB strains, policies and interventions to manage drug-resistant cases are essential. Models assess the impact of strategies such as individualized drug regimens, improved diagnostics for drug resistance, and infection control measures in preventing the spread of drug-resistant TB.
- Vaccination Programs: The Bacillus Calmette-Guérin (BCG) vaccine is routinely administered in India to prevent severe forms of TB in children. Models evaluate the impact of vaccination

programs on reducing the incidence of TB, particularly in pediatric populations. Simulations help assess the long-term benefits of vaccination in lowering TB transmission rates.

- Socioeconomic Support: Providing socioeconomic support to TB patients, including nutritional assistance and financial aid, can improve treatment outcomes and reduce the risk of recurrence. Mathematical models assess the impact of socioeconomic support interventions on treatment success rates and overall TB transmission dynamics.

Future research should focus on incorporating evolving interventions and policies into mathematical models. This includes assessing the impact of emerging technologies, such as telemedicine for remote healthcare access, and adapting models to account for changing demographics, healthcare infrastructure, and socioeconomic conditions. Additionally, modeling the synergistic effects of combining multiple interventions will be crucial for designing comprehensive and effective TB control strategies in India. In conclusion, mathematical models serve as valuable tools for evaluating the impact of various interventions and policies on TB transmission dynamics in India. By simulating different strategies, these models contribute to evidence-based decision-making, helping policymakers design and implement effective TB control programs tailored to the unique challenges of the Indian context.

10. Common Challenges, Limitations & future directions:

While mathematical models provide valuable insights into tuberculosis (TB) transmission dynamics in the Indian context, they come with inherent challenges and limitations. Recognizing and addressing these constraints is crucial for ensuring the accuracy and applicability of model outcomes in guiding TB control strategies.

- Data Limitations: Insufficient and incomplete data on TB prevalence, incidence, and demographic details pose a significant challenge for model parameterization. Models heavily rely on available data, and inaccuracies or gaps in data can impact the precision of parameter estimates and the overall reliability of model predictions.
- Assumptions and Simplifications: Models often rely on simplifying assumptions to make computations feasible. Assumptions about homogeneous mixing and constant parameters may not fully capture the complexities of TB transmission. Over-reliance on simplifications can lead to model inaccuracies, especially in heterogeneous populations such as those found in India.
- Spatial Heterogeneity: TB transmission varies spatially, with different regions exhibiting distinct epidemiological patterns. Spatially homogeneous models may not adequately capture these variations. Ignoring spatial heterogeneity can limit the model's ability to provide nuanced insights into localized TB transmission dynamics.
- Behavioral Dynamics: Modeling human behavior, such as healthcare-seeking patterns, treatment adherence, and cultural practices, introduces inherent challenges due to the dynamic and context-specific nature of behaviors. Inaccurate representation of behavioral dynamics may lead to discrepancies between model predictions and real-world outcomes.
- Dynamic Nature of TB: TB transmission dynamics evolve over time, influenced by factors such as healthcare interventions, changes in population structure, and emergence of drug-resistant strains. Models may struggle to accurately predict future trends, especially when faced with uncertainties related to evolving epidemiological and healthcare scenarios.
- Lack of Model Validation Studies: Limited availability of comprehensive model validation studies specific to the Indian context. Without rigorous validation against real-world data, the reliability of models remains uncertain, and their practical utility for informing TB control strategies may be compromised.
- Resource and Infrastructure Constraints: Developing and implementing sophisticated models may be constrained by limited resources and infrastructure, especially in the context of healthcare systems in certain regions of India. Resource limitations may impact the level of detail and complexity achievable in the models, potentially compromising their accuracy.

- Ethical Considerations: Modeling involves making decisions about resource allocation, intervention prioritization, and public health policies. Ethical considerations surrounding these decisions are complex. Ethical considerations may not be fully addressed in models, leading to potential discrepancies between model recommendations and real-world ethical implications.

As the landscape of tuberculosis (TB) control continues to evolve, future research should address emerging challenges and explore new avenues to enhance the effectiveness of mathematical models in the Indian context. The following are some of the research directions for advancing TB modeling and control strategies:

- Integration of Real-Time Data
- Machine Learning and Data-Driven Approaches
- Modeling the Impact of Social Determinants
- Adapting Interventions to Vulnerable Populations
- Assessing the Impact of Climate Change

12. Conclusion:

In conclusion, the study of tuberculosis (TB) transmission dynamics in the unique context of India requires a multifaceted approach, and mathematical modeling emerges as a powerful tool for understanding and mitigating this public health challenge. The comprehensive review undertaken in this paper delves into various aspects of TB modeling specific to India, providing valuable insights into model structures, key parameters, interventions, and limitations. The exploration of different model structures, including compartmental models, agent-based models, hybrid models, spatial models, and time series models, highlights the versatility required to capture the diverse and dynamic nature of TB transmission in the country. Each model structure brings its own strengths and limitations, emphasizing the need for a tailored approach that considers the intricacies of India's demographic, socioeconomic, and healthcare landscape. Key parameters, ranging from transmission rates and recovery rates to demographic factors and socioeconomic variables, are essential components of TB models. Recognizing the importance of these parameters in shaping TB dynamics, the paper emphasizes the need for ongoing research to refine and update parameter estimates, considering the evolving nature of the disease and the unique characteristics of the Indian population. The review also sheds light on interventions and policies crucial for TB control in India. From the traditional Directly Observed Treatment, Short-Course (DOTS) strategy to active case finding, contact tracing, and vaccination programs, mathematical models play a pivotal role in simulating and evaluating the impact of these interventions. The findings underscore the importance of targeted, evidence-based interventions that address the specific challenges posed by TB in the Indian context. However, the journey of TB modeling in India is not without its challenges and limitations. Insufficient data, simplifying assumptions, and the dynamic nature of TB transmission pose hurdles that must be navigated. The limitations, ranging from spatial heterogeneity to ethical considerations, underscore the need for a cautious interpretation of model outcomes and continuous efforts to refine and validate models against real-world epidemiological data.

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