962-92-1415 Zhilan Feng (zfeng@math.purdue.edu), Department of Mathematics, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1395, Mimmo Iannelli (iannelli@science.unitn.it), Dipartimento di Matematica, Universita degli Studi di Trento 38050 Povo (TN), Italy, and Fabio A Milner\* (milner@math.purdue.edu), Department of Mathematics, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1395. A Control Problem in Tuberculosis. Preliminary report.

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