Any of the infectious diseases of humans or other animals caused by bacteria of the genus *Mycobacterium*. From the Latin *tuberculum*, "small swelling," the diminutive form of tuber, "lump." Tuberculosis has existed in humans since antiquity; it is believed to have originated with the first domestication of cattle. Evidence of tuberculosis has been shown in human skeletal remains and mummies from as early as 4000 BC. *Mycobacterium bovis* bacillus Calmette-Guérin has been successfully used to immunize humans since 1921, from the Latin *tuberculosis* (meaning "small swelling") and *tuberculum*, the diminutive form of "tuber." The disease was first described in 1533 by the Italian doctor Pietro Andrea Mattioli. It was named "consumption" because of the wasting away of the body. The disease was later called "phthisis" and "tuberculosis." The term "consumption" was derived from the Latin word *consumptio*, meaning "consumption." The term "tuberculosis" was derived from the Latin word *tuberculum*, meaning "small swelling." The disease was first described in 1533 by the Italian doctor Pietro Andrea Mattioli. It was named "consumption" because of the wasting away of the body. The disease was later called "phthisis" and "tuberculosis." The term "consumption" was derived from the Latin word *consumptio*, meaning "consumption." The term "tuberculosis" was derived from the Latin word *tuberculum*, meaning "small swelling."