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Study of 17 patients with Tuberculosis and HIV infection

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Abstract:

Tuberculosis is an important opportunistic disease among HIV- infected persons worldwide; from March 1999 to February 2001 we had seventeen patients with HIV-infection and tuberculosis. Here we are presenting the clinical manifestations, diagnosis, treatment and outcome of them. All of them were male, 11 patients had pulmonary and 5 patients had extrapulmonary (pleural effusion 1, hepatic granulomatosis 1, lymphadenopathy 3), one patient had pulmonary and polyserositis tuberculosis. Tuberculin skin test was positive in 6 patients and only six patients had CD4 cell count at the beginning of their diseases, thirteen patients had positive smear for acid fast bacilli and four patients had pathology compatible with tuberculosis (caseating granulomatous). Three patients were hemophiliac, nine patients were injecting drug users, fourteen patients were treated with 6 months regimens and five patients died. Six patients had the scar of BCG vaccination and others did not know anything about it.

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