

# Case (65/F)

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# Chief complaint

- **Productive cough and blood-tinged sputum**
  - Onset: 2 years ago
  - Aggravated recently

# Present illness

- 약 2년 전부터 타원에서 기관지확장증 및 비결핵 항산균 폐 질환 의심 진단하에 점액용해제 약물을 복용해오던 환자로, 최근 기침, 가래 및 객혈 증세가 악화하여 내원함
  - 타원 기록: 2년 전 폐포 세척액 검사에서 비결핵 항산균이 배양 되었으나 동정 검사 의뢰하지 않음

# Review of System

- Fever/Chill (-/-)
- **Cough/Sputum (+/+)**
- Pleuritic chest pain (-)
- **Dyspnea (+): mMRC Grade 1**

# Past Medical History

- Chronic hepatitis B on regular follow-up
- Operation Hx. : subarachnoid hemorrhage
- No known DM, HTN, Pulmonary TB
- Medication Hx. : carvedilol and mucolytics (N-acetylcysteine, erdosteine)

# Physical examination

- General appearance – Chronic ill-looking appearance
- Chest
  - Bronchial breath sound with crackles in both lung fields
  - Regular heartbeat without murmur

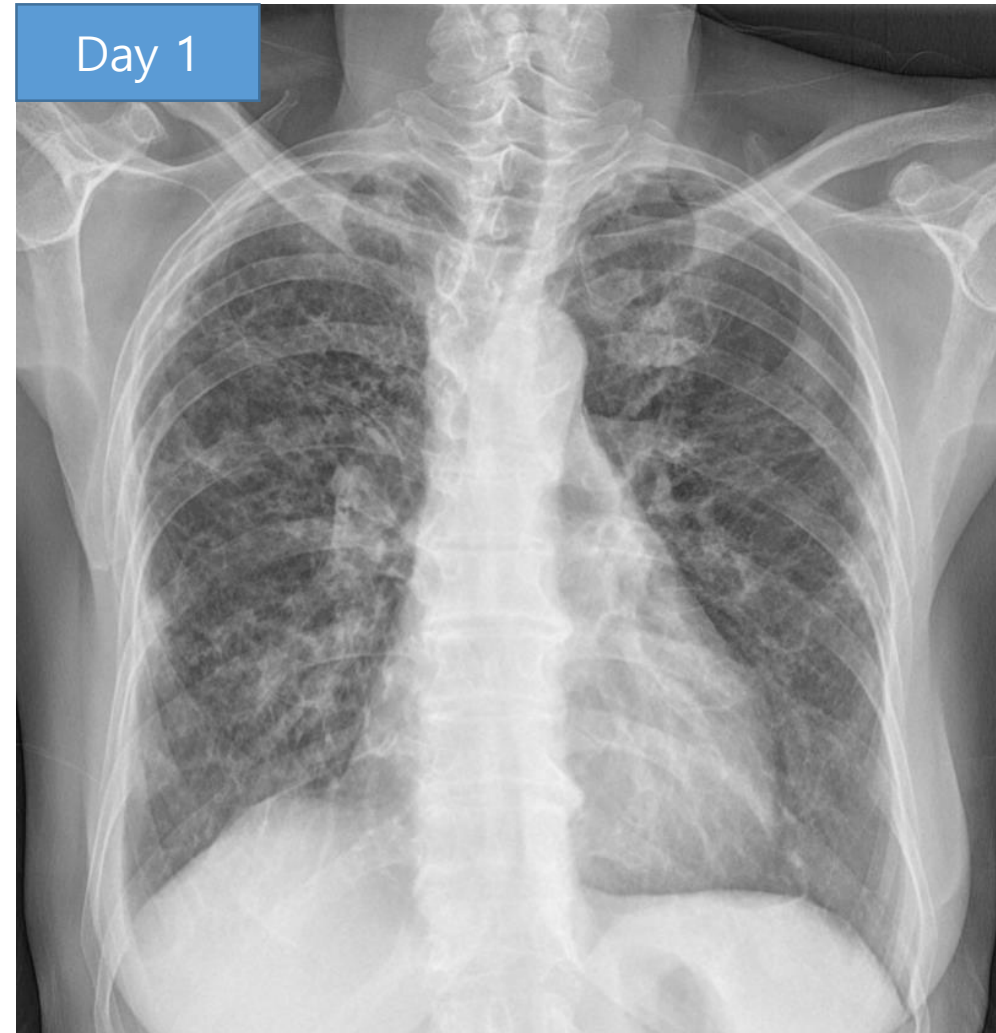
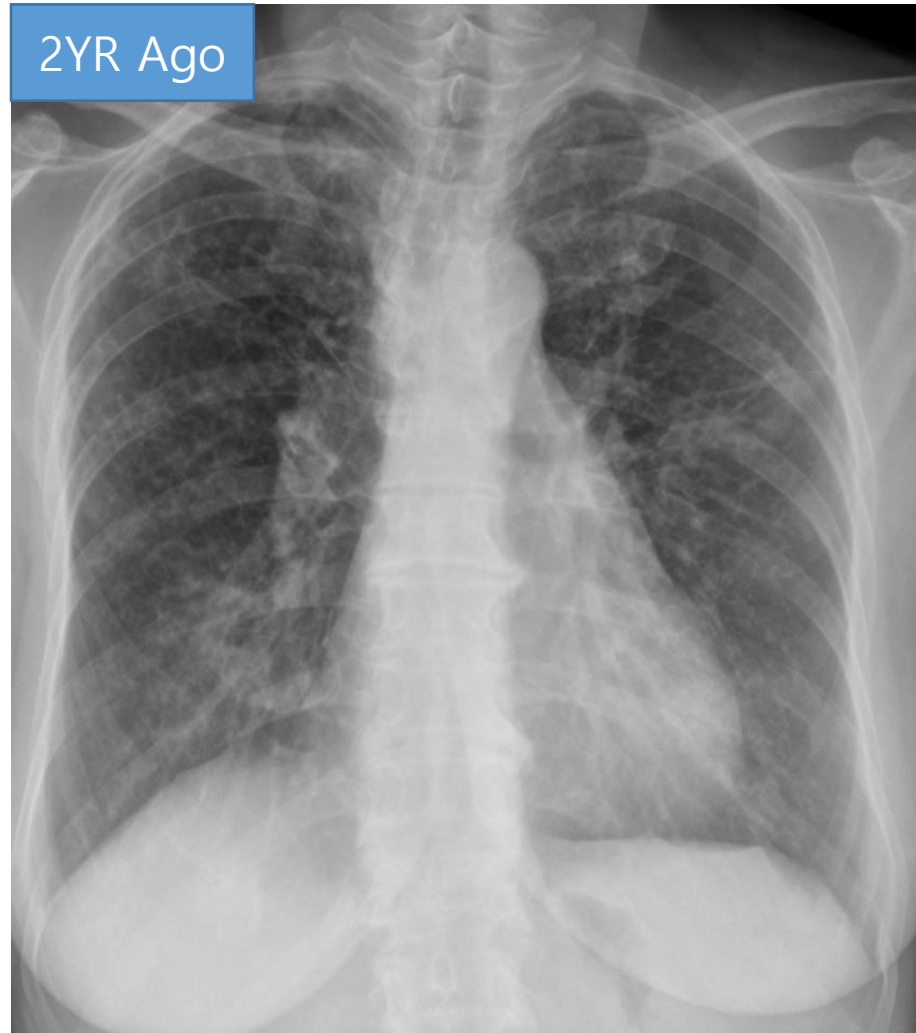
# Vital Sign

- HR – 80회/min
- RR – 20회/min
- BP – 130/80 mmHg
- Body temperature – 36.8°C

# Laboratory findings

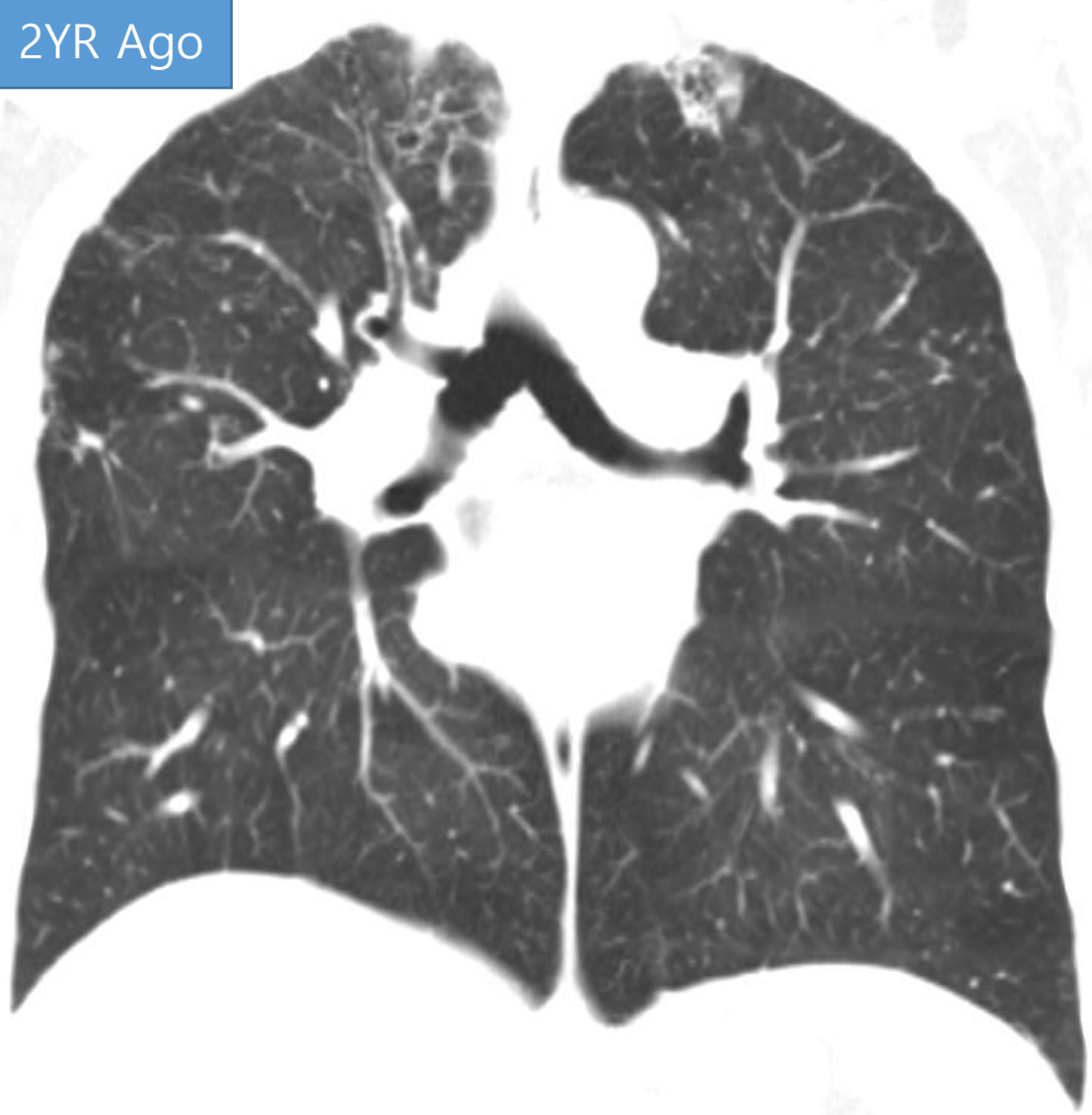
- WBC 4,990/mm<sup>3</sup>
- Hb 12.5 mg/dL
- Platelet 163K/mm<sup>3</sup>
- ESR 98 mm/hr
- CRP 5.8 mg/L
- BUN 9.7 mg/dL
- Cr 0.53 mg/dL
- AST 46 IU/L
- ALT 36 IU/L
- Bilirubin, total 0.7 mg/dL
- Albumin 3.2 g/dL

# Chest X-ray

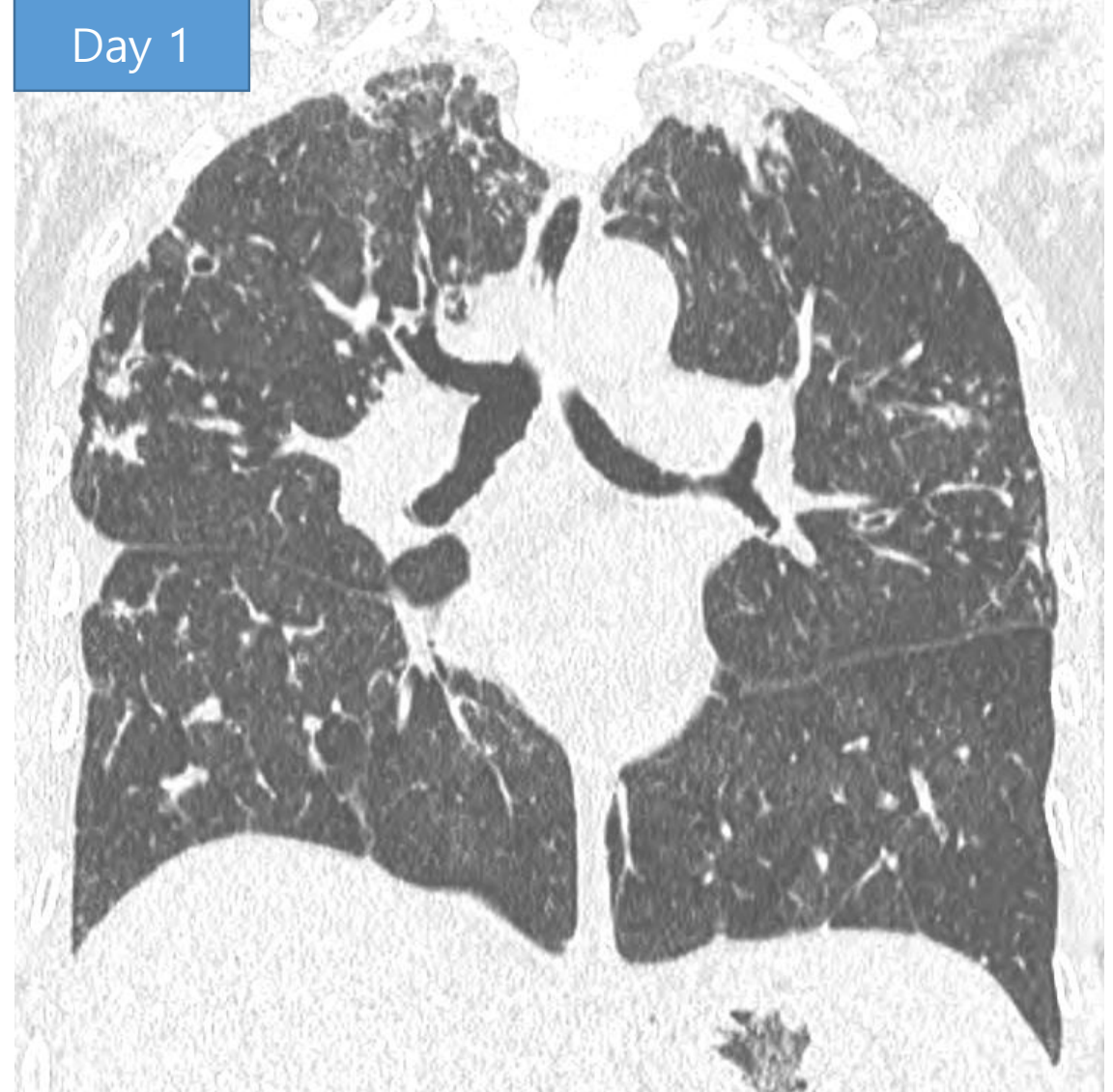


# Chest CT

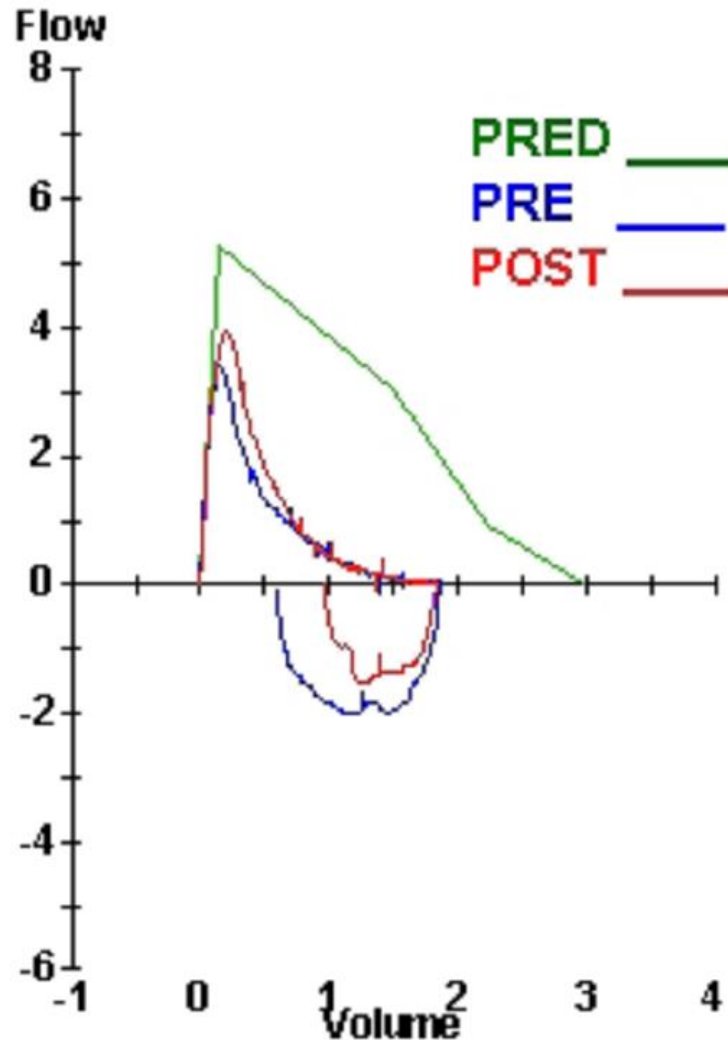
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Day 1

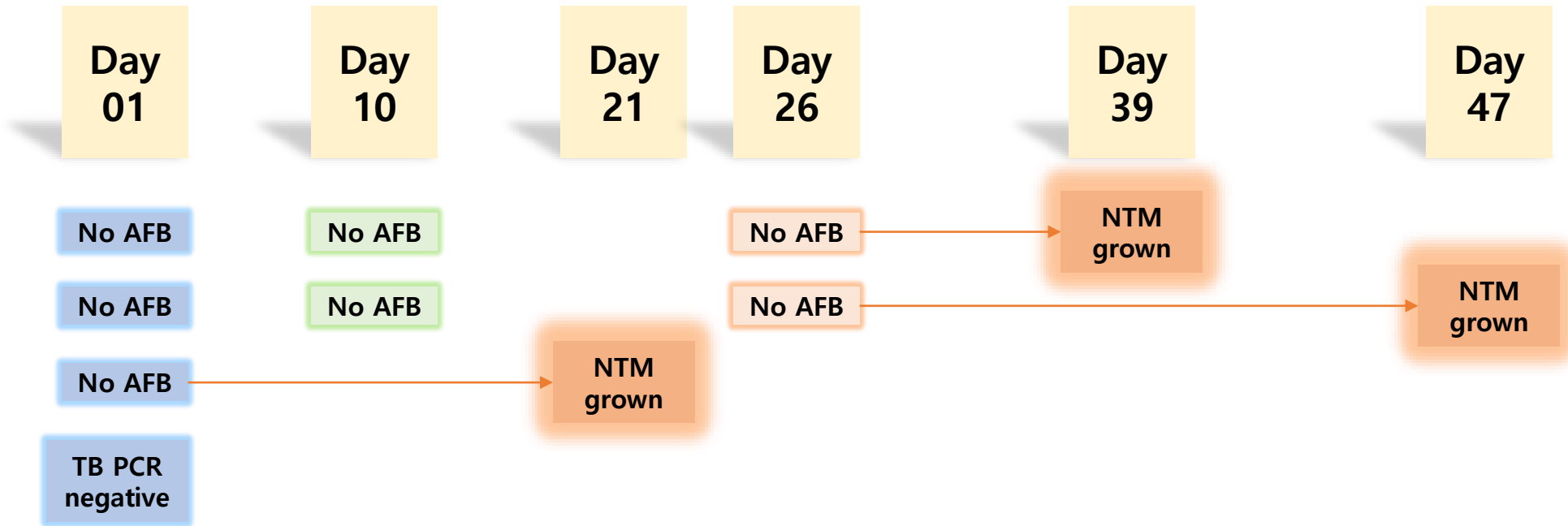


# Pulmonary function test



- FEV1/FVC 54%
- FEV1 1.02L (44% pred)
- FVC 1.88L (63% pred)

# Microbiology



*M. scrofulaceum*

*M. scrofulaceum* + *M. chelonae*

*M. scrofulaceum*

# Assessment

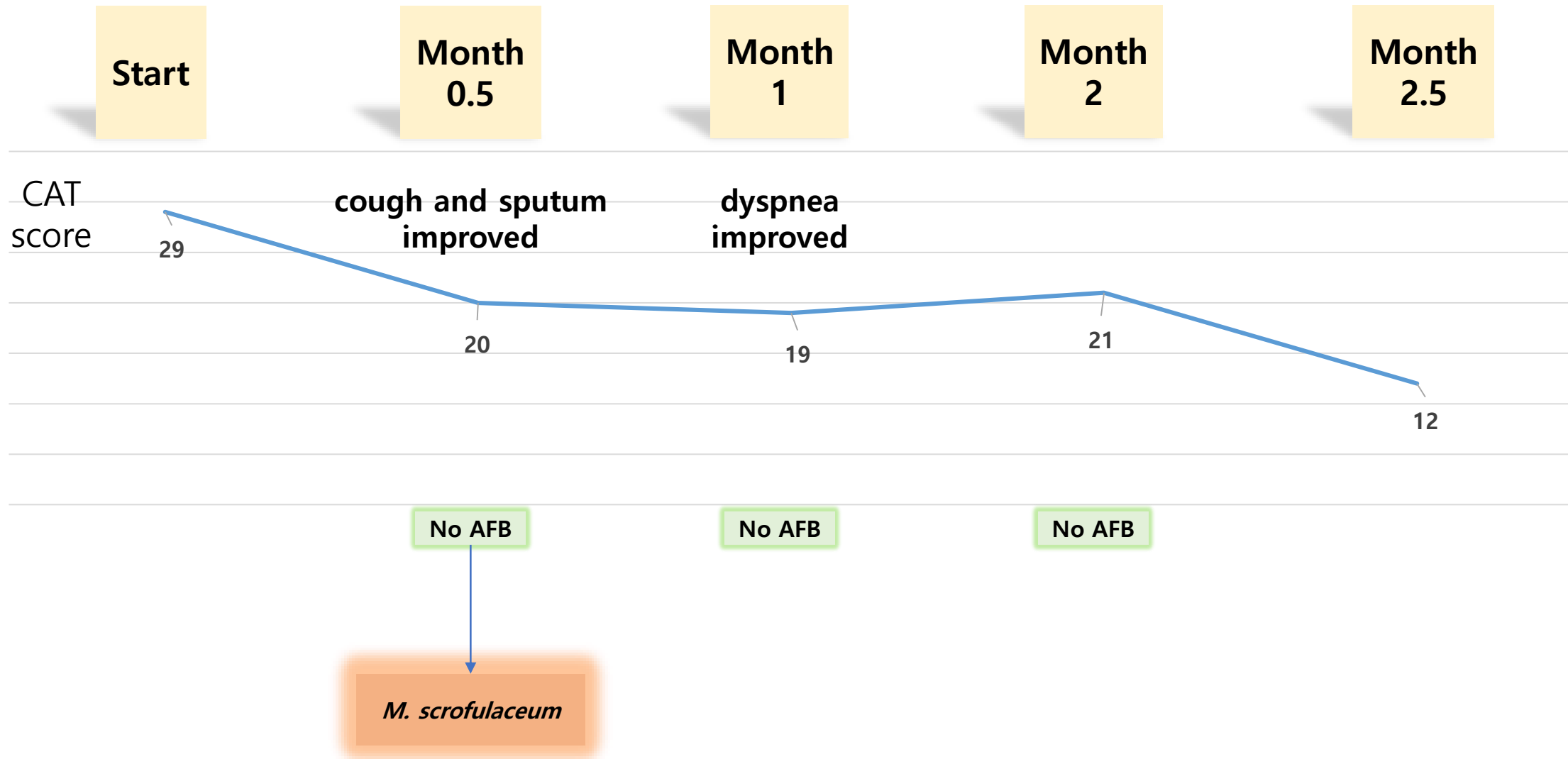
- *M. scrofulaceum* lung disease
- Bronchiectasis

# Treatment

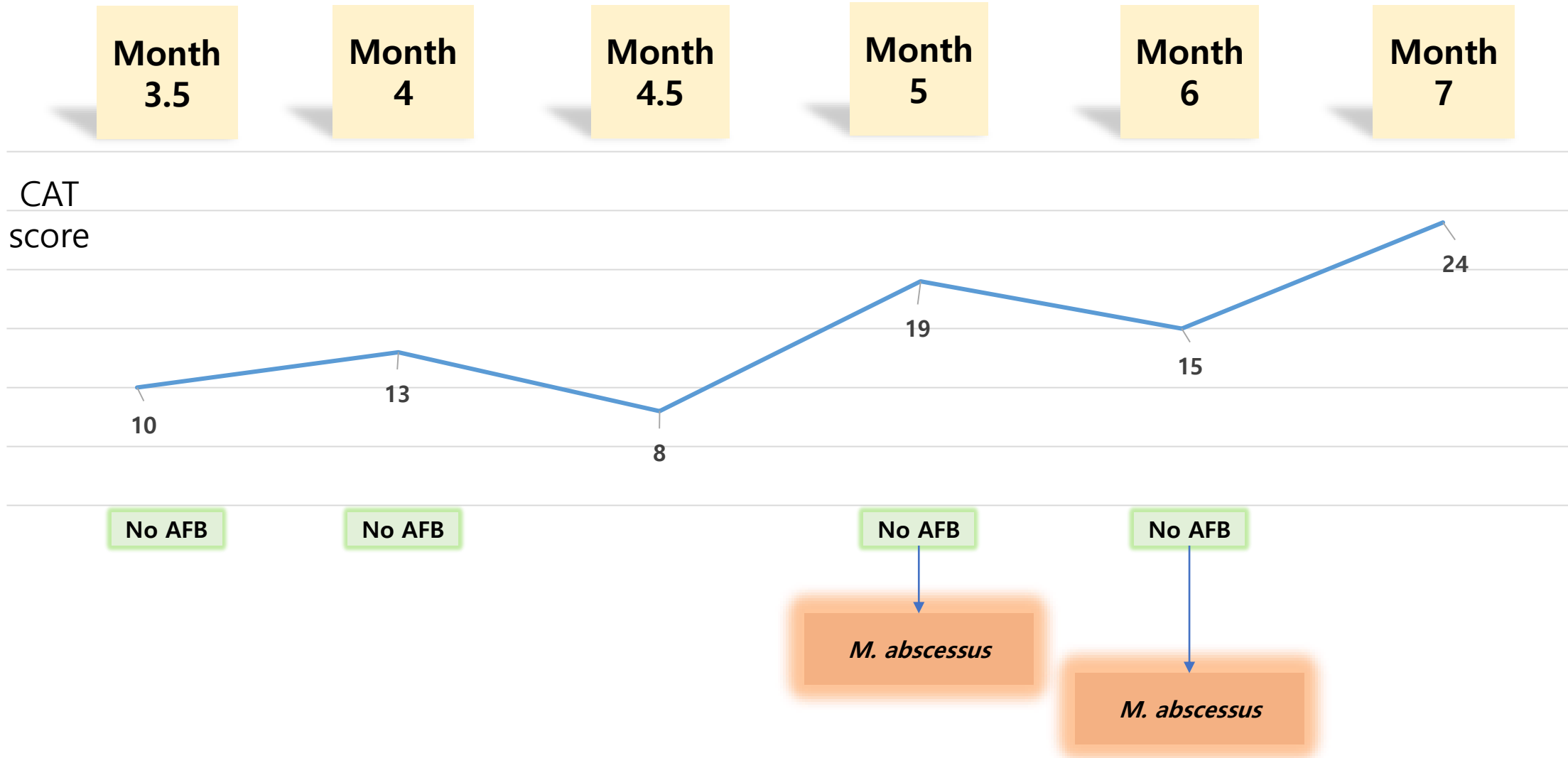
- *M. scrofulaceum* lung disease treatment
  - No drug susceptibility test
  - Azithromycin 500mg
  - Rifampicin 600mg
  - Ethambutol 1200mg
    - three times a week

# Progression

# Treatment course



# Treatment course



# What is your next plan?

1. Continue *M. scrofulaceum* treatment
2. Start mixed NTM infection treatment  
(*M. scrofulaceum* + *M. abscessus*)
3. Stop *M. scrofulaceum* treatment and start *M. abscessus* treatment
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# Clinical Characteristics and Treatment Outcomes of Patients with Acquired Macrolide-Resistant *Mycobacterium abscessus* Lung Disease

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약제명	시험농도	결과 MIC	판정
Clarithromycin	0.5-64	≤0.5, >64	IR

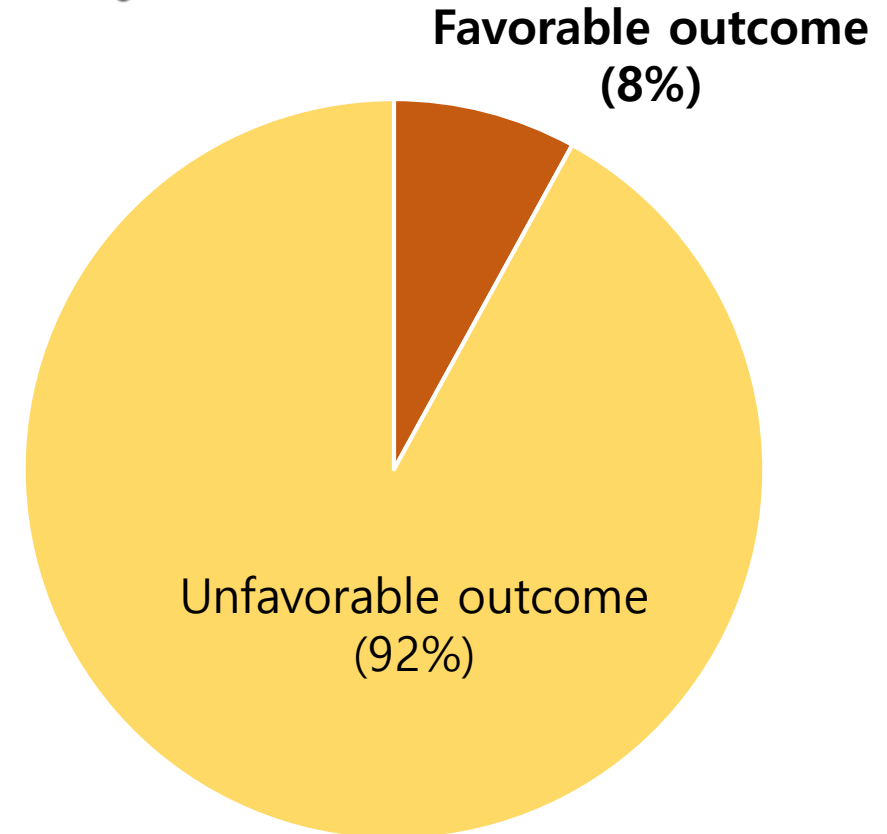
## Inducible resistance

- *erm(41)* gene mutation

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## Acquired resistance

- *rrl* gene mutation



Treatment duration, months  
: 24.0 (16.0-43.0)

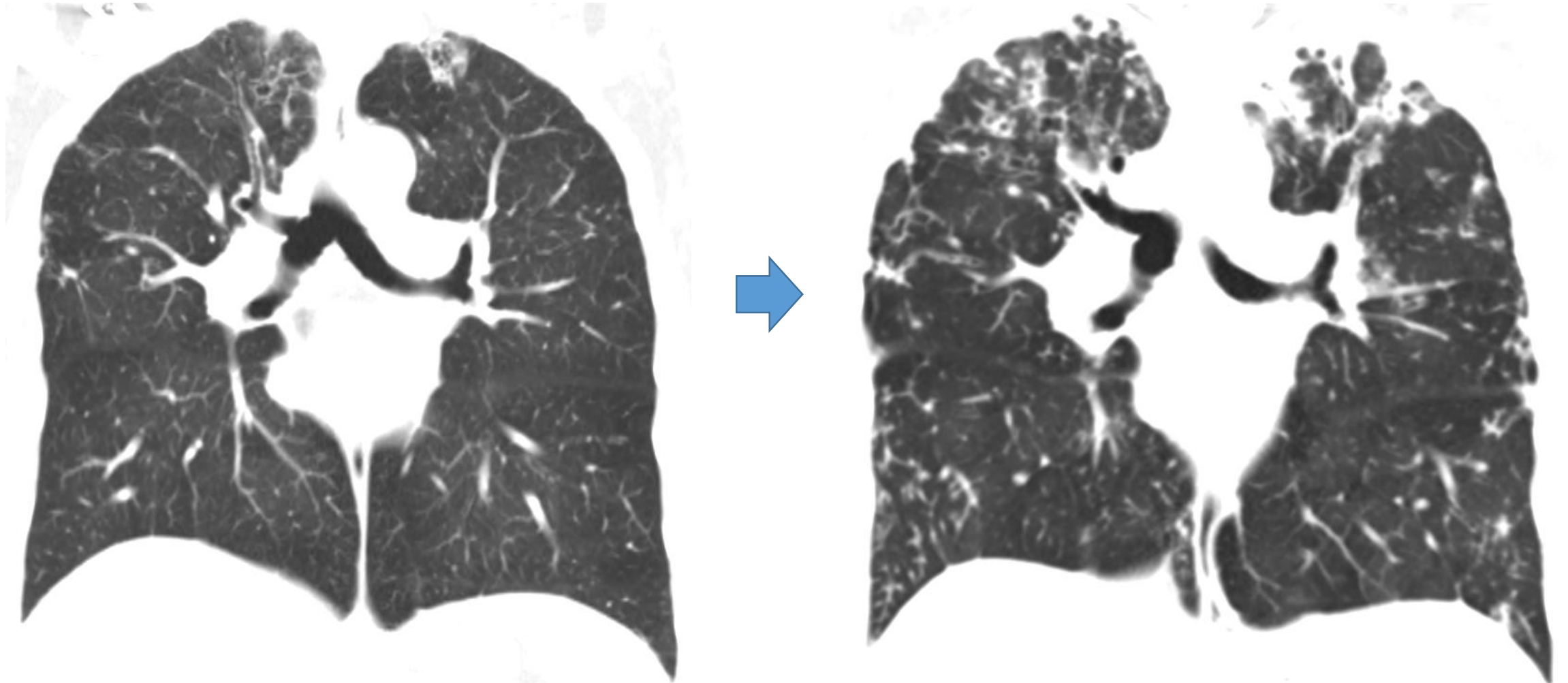
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# Assessment

- *M. abscessus* lung disease
- s/p *M. scrofulaceum* lung disease
- Bronchiectasis

# Chest CT



# Microbiology

Date	AFB smear	AFB culture
2018-06-08	negative	<i>M. scrofulaceum</i>
2018-07-04	negative	<i>M. scrofulaceum</i>
2018-08-27	negative	negative
2018-09-17	negative	negative
2018-10-29	negative	negative
2018-12-10	negative	<b><u><i>M. abscessus</i></u></b>
2019-01-21	negative	<b><u><i>M. abscessus</i></u></b>
2019-04-05	negative	<b><u><i>M. abscessus</i></u></b>
2019-07-29	negative	<b><u><i>M. abscessus</i></u></b>
	1+	<b><u><i>M. abscessus</i></u></b>
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➔ Start treatment for *M. abscessus* lung disease

# **Brief Review – *M. scrofulaceum* Lung Disease**

# *M. scrofulaceum*

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- slow-growing mycobacterial species
- wide range of environments
  - house dust, tap water, and soil
- Origin: **scrofula**-like infections in children



Latin  
***scrofa*** (breeding sow)

Late Latin  
***scrofula***  
(swellings of neck LN)



Can J Microbiol 1957;3:91-100  
Infect Dis 2019;51:602-609

# Epidemiology

- Well-known cause of pediatric cervical lymphadenitis?
  - report since 1950s
  - abrupt change of predominant etiology from *M. scrofulaceum* to MAC in 1970s
  - taxonomic similarity: *M. avium-intracellulare-scrofulaceum* (MAIS)
  - difficulty in sub-species identification
- 2–3% of all mycobacterial isolates in the USA (1980)
  - *M. scrofulaceum* disease in adults is rare
  - unclear clinical manifestation and management strategies

# ***Mycobacterium kansasii* and *M. scrofulaceum* isolates from HIV-negative South African gold miners: incidence, clinical significance and radiology**

- 1993–1996
- Single center in South Africa (n = 41)
- Sole tertiary center for miners working for a large mining company

Characteristics	N = 41
Age $\pm$ SD	44.1 $\pm$ 7.4
Sex, male	41/41 (100)
Smear positive	35/41 (85)
History of TB treatment	21/41 (55)
Cavitation at diagnosis	31/35 (89)
Underlying silicosis	24/35 (69)

- Combination of 3–4 drugs


- Rifampicin
- Isoniazid
- Ethambutol
- Streptomycin
- Terizodone

⇒ Treatment failure: 12%

- ✓ Risk factors: chronic structural lung disease or environmental exposure
- ✓ Limitation: gold miners with lung destruction

## Clinical characteristics of pulmonary *Mycobacterium scrofulaceum* disease in 2001–2011: A case series and literature review

- 2001–2011
- Two hospitals in Japan (n = 8) and Literature review (n = 23)

Characteristics	N = 31	N = 41 
Age ± SD	<b>63.8 ± 13.6</b>	44.1 ± 7.4
Sex, male	<b>19/31 (61)</b>	41/41 (100)
Smear positive	<b>20/31 (65)</b>	35/41 (85)
History of TB treatment	<b>7/31 (23)</b>	21/41 (55)
Underlying pulmonary MAC disease	<b>5/31 (16)</b>	Unknown
Underlying COPD	<b>5/31 (16)</b>	Unknown
Cavitation at diagnosis	<b>19/31 (61)</b>	31/35 (89)
Underlying silicosis	<b>0/31 (0)</b>	24/35 (69)

- Treatment – 3/8 from Japan cohort

Case	Age (yr)	Sex	Drug (mg)	Duration (mo)	Outcome
1	74	Male	RFP (600) + EMB (500) + CLR (800)	49	Continue Tx
2	70	Male	RFP (450) + EMB (750) + CLR (600)	2	FU loss
3	48	Male	RFP + EMB + ethionamide (5-year interval)	18	Improved
			INH (300) + EMB (750) + AZM (500 EOD)	34	Improved

- Treatment – 20/23 from literature review

Case	Age (yr)	Sex	Drug (mg)	Outcome
1	46	M	RFP + EMB + <u>CLR</u>	Improved
2	47	M	INH + RFP + EMB + <u>CLR</u>	Improved
3	68	M	INH + RFP + EMB + <u>CLR</u> + SM	Improved
4	56	M	INH + RFP + EMB + <u>CLR</u>	No change
5	59	M	INH + RFP + EMB + <u>CLR</u>	Improved
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15	46	M	INH + RFP + PZA + <u>CLR</u>	No change
16	70	M	INH + RFP + EMB + SM	Advanced
17	51	F	INH + RFP + EMB	No change
18	74	F	INH + RFP + KM	No change
19	77	F	INH + RFP + EMB + PZA + AMK	No change
20	82	F	INH + RFP + SM	Improved

# *Mycobacterium scrofulaceum* disease: experience from a tertiary medical centre and review of the literature

- 2000–2015
- Single center in the USA (n = 10)
  - Pulmonary and pleural infection (n = 4)
  - Bone and joint infection with a foreign body (n = 2)
  - Skin and soft tissue infection (n = 2)
  - Brain abscess (n = 1)
  - Pediatric cervical adenitis (n = 1)

- Six patients extrapulmonary disease
  - all resolved with treatment for 0.5–12 months
- Four patients with pulmonary disease

Age/sex	AFB smear	Treatment	Duration (mo)	Outcome
91/F	Positive	AZM + LVF → AZM + MXF + Rifabutin → AZM + Linezolid + Rifabutin	16	Progression/ deceased
77/F	Negative	CLR + EMB + RFP	18 mo (12 mo after conversion)	Improved
63/M	Positive	AZM + RFP + EMB + INH	23 mo	Improved
75/M	Negative	Not started	-	Deceased – pulmonary hemorrhage

# Summary

- ***M. scrofulaceum* pulmonary disease**
  - Rare NTM infection
  - Previous study – case series mostly
  - Risk factors: chronic structural lung disease or environmental exposure
  - Macrolide-based antibiotics combination treatment
    - MAC treatment regimen?
    - CLSI 2018
  - Generally favorable treatment outcomes

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