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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pulmonary tuberculosis developed in sarcoidosis patients

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With great interest, we read the article by Ucsular et al. on pulmonary tuberculosis in sarcoidosis patients (second issue 2018, Tuberk Toraks. 2018) (1). The results of this article were interesting and agreeable contents. We would like to share our experience (2,3). Based on the experience, we would like to ask the author two questions.

We also experienced a similar case before (2,3). Our patient was a 55-year-old male and treated with corticosteroid he had rapidly progressive sarcoidosis three years before. After completion of corticosteroid therapy, cavitory lesion developed, which was diagnosed as pulmonary tuberculosis. As indicated by the authors, an immunosuppressive state during corticosteroid therapy are high risk patients of tuberculosis. We agree with this, but we would like ask the authors whether they evaluated sarcoidosis it self as a risk of developing tuberculosis. In two patients described by the authors, there was no cavitory lesion in both lungs (1). This was apparently different image finding from our patient. We would like to hearing from the authors were there characteristic image findings in sarcoidosis patients who develop pulmonary tuberculosis.

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