

Specific Comments To Authors:

1) CASE SUMMARY: The phrase “following acid-fast bacilli smear conversion” should be clearly stated as “following negative sputum acid-fast bacilli smear tests”.

Response: We have changed the phrase as per your comment:

→ “following negative sputum acid-fast bacilli smear tests.”

2) The following statement in Discussion is untrue “AFB smear results are available within a few days.” AFB smear results could be demonstrated within a few minutes or hours.

Response: We have changed the sentence according to your comment as follows:

→ “AFB smear results are available in a few minutes or hours unless the test is performed just before a weekend or holiday.”

3) The authors should discuss or recommend air travel regulations in regard to pulmonary tuberculosis in view of the presented case report and the previous health authorities’ regulations.

Response: We have added our recommendation in the CONCLUSION and Core tip as per your comment:

→ Based on this case, we think that if air travel is unavoidable for patients with cavitary pulmonary TB who are still considered potentially infectious, it might be possible to board the flight if proper anti-TB medication is administered, confirmatory AFB smear tests are negative, and a suitable N95 mask is worn under observation.