

# A Fifty-Three-Year-Old Gentleman with Body Ache, Weakness and Headache

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# Particulars:

Name: Mr. B

Age: 53 Years

Gender: Male

Marital Status: Married

Religion: Hinduism

Occupation: Farmer

Present Address: Mouchak, Gazipur

Date of Admission: 22-08-19

Date of Examination: 22-08-19

Admitted Through: Emergency Department



Taken With Permission Of The Patient

# Chief Complaints

Body Ache for Four Months

Weakness for Three Months

Headache for One Month

*HISTORY PROPER*

# History of Present Illness

According to the statement of the patient he was reasonably well four months ago, thereafter, he started experiencing **generalized body aches** which were gradual in onset, static in course, dull aching in nature and constantly present throughout the day (and night). It was not associated with any specific joint pain or swelling, morning stiffness, skin rashes, nail changes or trauma.

## History of Present Illness: Cont.

The gentleman also experienced **generalized weakness** for 3 months which was gradual in onset, progressively increasing in severity with no diurnal variations. His weakness was also associated with tiredness, dizziness, lightheadedness and effort intolerance.

His dizziness was present throughout the course of his illness and not restricted to getting up from a sitting position.

## History of Present Illness: Cont.

For the past one month he also complained of a diffuse headache which was gradual in onset, fluctuating in severity, dull-aching in nature and not confined to a specific site. It had no radiation, precipitating or aggravating factors nor any diurnal variations. It was not associated with neck stiffness, photophobia, phonophobia or aura. The patient also denied any loss of consciousness or seizures.

## History of Present Illness: Cont.

Further questioning revealed a history of **undocumented fever and dry cough** with occasional scanty muco-purulent sputum. He denied any history of chills, rigors & night sweats. He had an unintentional weight loss of about 10 kg for the past four months. He reported no significant changes in his diet, lifestyle, or appetite.

## History of Present Illness: Cont.

There was no history of seizures, loss of consciousness, visual impairment, speech or swallowing difficulties, hearing impairment, weakness of limbs or any half of the body. He denied any history of palpitations, breathlessness, abdominal pain or distension, alteration of bowel habit, urinary complaints, contact with tuberculous patients, substance abuse or sexual promiscuity.

## History of Present Illness: Cont.

On query he gave a history of occasional low back pain for the past 7 to 8 years which started gradually was aggravated with movement and relieved by rest and painkillers. There was no associated radiation, night pain, and bowel or bladder involvement. He took Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) irregularly for the past 7 to 8 years and regularly for the past 2 years.

# History of Past Illness

After consulting physicians in Bangladesh he went to India 3 months ago and was diagnosed as a case of monoclonal gammopathy with acute kidney injury on the basis of his history, physical examinations and relevant investigations. For confirmation of his diagnosis, he was advised to do a bone marrow aspiration, however, he refused further investigations and returned home.

# Drug and Treatment History

For all his complaints, he consulted several local physicians and was treated symptomatically with various drugs of different classes; the names and doses of those drugs, he could not recall.

The patient did; however, deny taking any supplementations or vitamin pills for his well being.

# Family History

He is married for 28 years; has two sons and one daughter; has two brothers and three sisters; all of them including his wife are in good health. There was no history of such type of illness running through the family. His father died naturally about 10 years back. His mother is alive and in good health. He comes from non-consanguineous parents.

# Personal History

He was a smoker for 30 years and quit smoking 6 months ago. He has a smoking history of 35 pack-years. He is non-alcoholic and denied any history of other substances abuse in any form or through any route. He is habituated to a typical Bengali diet.

# Socio-Economic History

He lives in a tin shed house and has access to proper hygiene and sanitation. He belongs to a lower-middle class family.

# Immunization History

He was immunized as per given schedule; couldn't mention anything regarding EPI schedule.

# History of Allergies

He gave no history of allergy to any food, dust, pollen or animal dander.

# Psychiatric History

There was no psychiatric illness afflicting him or any of his family member.

# Examinations

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# General Examination:

- Ill-looking
- Malnourished
- Anemic
- Dehydrated
- Dry and coated tongue
- Blood Pressure: Normal Without Any Postural Drop
- Urine Dipsticks: Normal
- Oxygen Saturation on Air: Normal

# Respiratory Examination:

Inspection & Palpation - Increased Anteroposterior Diameter

Percussion – Resonant

Auscultation:

- Vesicular with Prolonged Expiration
- Rhonchi & Coarse Crepitations (Post-Tussive Alteration)

Other Systemic  
Examinations Revealed

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No Abnormalities

# Salient Features

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# Salient Features

Mr. B, a 53-year-old, married, farmer from Mouchak, Gazipur was admitted in this hospital on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August of this year with complaints of **generalized body ache for four months, generalized weakness for three months and headache for one month.**

He has no past medical history of hypertension, diabetes, or asthma. He is a non-alcoholic ex-smoker (35-pack-year).

# Salient Features

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# Salient Features

The patient also experienced generalized weakness for 3 months which was gradual in onset, progressively increasing in severity, with no diurnal variations. His weakness was also associated with fatigue, dizziness, lightheadedness and effort intolerance.

The patient also mentioned that his weakness was not restricted to a specific part of his body.

# Salient Features

For the past one month he also complained of a diffuse headache which was gradual in onset, fluctuating in severity, dull-aching in nature and not confined to a specific site. It had no radiation, precipitating or aggravating factors nor any diurnal variations.

It was not associated with neck stiffness, photophobia, phonophobia or aura. The patient also denied any loss of consciousness or seizures.

# Salient Features

Further questioning revealed a history of undocumented fever, dry (occasionally productive) coughs, nausea, unintentional weight loss of about 10kg (60kg→50kg) for the past four months. He reported no significant changes in his diet or lifestyle. His cough was non-productive and he could not describe his chest pains properly. He denied any history of night sweats.

# Salient Features

The gentleman also complained of occasional low back pain for about 7 to 8 years which was gradual in onset, non-traumatic and dull aching. There was no radiation or pain in other joints. There was no morning stiffness or any night pain. His back pain was relieved by pain killers and rest. He took various nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) irregularly for the past 7 to 8 years and regularly for two years.

## Salient Features:

He consulted various physicians in Bangladesh. Thereafter he went to India 3 months ago and after evaluation it was found that he had 'M band on Serum Capillary Immunoglobulin Electrophoresis.'

Subsequently he was suspected of having monoclonal gammopathy with acute kidney injury. Thereafter he was advised to do a bone marrow aspiration but he refused further investigations and came back to Bangladesh.

## Salient Features

He was a smoker for 30 years measured by 35 pack-years and quit smoking 6 months ago. He does not have any other significant history.

# Salient Features

On general examination: the gentleman was found to be ill-looking, malnourished, anemic, dehydrated, with a dry and coated tongue. His blood pressure was 120/80 mm Hg without any postural drop. His urine dipstick was normal as was his oxygen saturation on room air.

# Salient Features

Respiratory system revealed an increased anteroposterior diameter, with diminished chest movements symmetrically. The percussion note was resonant and breath sounds were vesicular with prolonged expiration. Added sounds showed the presence of rhonchi and coarse crackles with post-tussive alteration. Others systemic examinations were normal.

# Problem List:

## History:

NSAIDs for 8 Years  
Ex-Smoker (35 Pack-  
Year)  
Low Back Pain 7 to 8

## Symptoms:

Body Ache – 4  
Months  
Weakness – 3  
Months  
Headache – 1 Month

## Signs:

Anemia  
Dehydration  
Weight Loss (10 kg)  
Respiratory –  
Vesicular,  
(Prolonged),  
Rhonchi, Crackles

What is the  
Provisional Diagnosis?

# Provisional Diagnosis

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease  
with Multiple Myeloma  
with Acute Kidney Injury

# Differential Diagnoses

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease  
With Acute Kidney Injury With:

1. Primary Hyperparathyroidism
2. Sarcoidosis
3. Osteoporosis
4. Bone Metastasis (Primary Unknown)

# Investigations

# Complete Blood Count

Parameters	7.8.19	22.8.19
1) Hemoglobin	8.1 g/dl	8.8 g/dl
2) ESR	104mm in 1st hr	51mm in 1st hr
3) WBC	7.0x10 <sup>9</sup> /ltr	11 x 10 <sup>9</sup> /cumm
4) Neutrophil	0.60x10 <sup>9</sup> /ltr (80%)	0.79x10 <sup>9</sup> /ltr (88%)
5) Lymphocyte	0.91 K/ $\mu$ L (13%)	0.89 K/ $\mu$ L (13%)
6) RBC	3.46 million/dL	4.35 million/dL
7) HCT	18.40%	26.5%
8) MCV	53.20 fL	60.9 fL
9) MCH	18.5 pg	20.2 pg
10) MCHC	34.8g/dL	33.2 g/dL

# Urine Routine and Microscopic Exams.

Physical Examination			Volume	10 ml
			Colour	Straw
			Appearance	Clear
			Sediment	Nil
			Specific Gravity	1.012
Chemical Examination			Albumin	Nil
			Sugar	Nil
			pH	6.5
Microscopic Examination	Organized Sediment	Cells	Pus Cell	0-2/HPF
			Epithelial Cell	1-2/HPF
			RBC	Nil
		Casts	Nil	
	Unorganized Sediment	Others	Protozoa	Nil
		Crystals		Nil
		Fat Droplet		Nil

# Serum Electrolytes and Creatinine

Name	Date	Result	
<b>S. Creatinine</b>	6.8.19	3.73 mg/dL	
	22.8.19	4.00 mg/dL	
	26.8.19	2.76 g/dL	
	3.9.19	2.5 g/dL	
<b>S. Electrolytes</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>SODIUM</b>	<b>POTASSIUM</b>
	6.8.19	126 mmol/L	3.85 mmol/L
	16.8.19	124 mmol/L	3.65 mmol/L
	22.8.19	132 mmol/L	3.60 mmol/L

# X-Ray Chest (PAV)

Impression: Pulmonary Inflammatory  
Lesions in Right Upper and Left Mid Zones



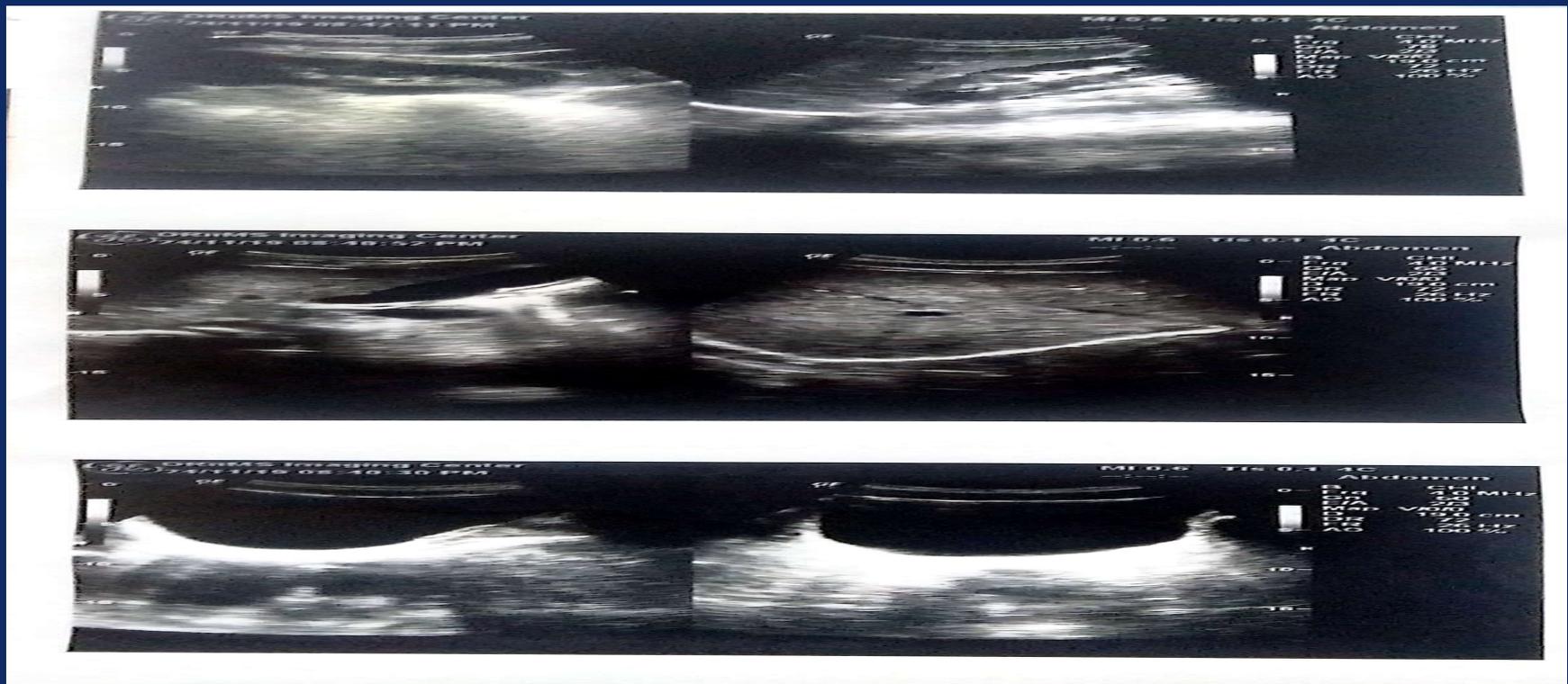
Mantoux Test: Negative

Sputum for MCS & AFB: Negative

Sputum for Gene Xpert: Negative

Serum ACE Levels: 36 mcl (8-53 mcl)

# Ultrasonography: Whole Abdomen



# Ultrasonography: Contd. (01.09.19)

**Liver** is normal in size with uniform echo texture without any evidence of focal or diffuse lesion. Intra-hepatic biliary channels appear normal. IVC and hepatic veins appear normal.

**Gall bladder** is well-filled, no calculi within its lumen, wall thickness is normal.

**Biliary tree** both intra and extra hepatic biliary trees are not dilated.

**Pancreas** appears normal in size and echo pattern.

**Spleen** appears normal in size and echo pattern.

# Ultrasonography: Contd. (01.09.19)

**Kidneys** are normal in size, shape and position but **increased echogenicity of both kidneys**. Pelvicalyceal systems of both kidneys are not dilated with well defined cortex and medulla. No calculi seen within them.

**Urinary bladder** is normal and no intra-vesical lesion or calculi is seen.

**Prostate** is normal in size and echo texture according to age group.

There is no ascites. No pleural effusion.

**Comment: Acute Parenchymal Renal Disease.**

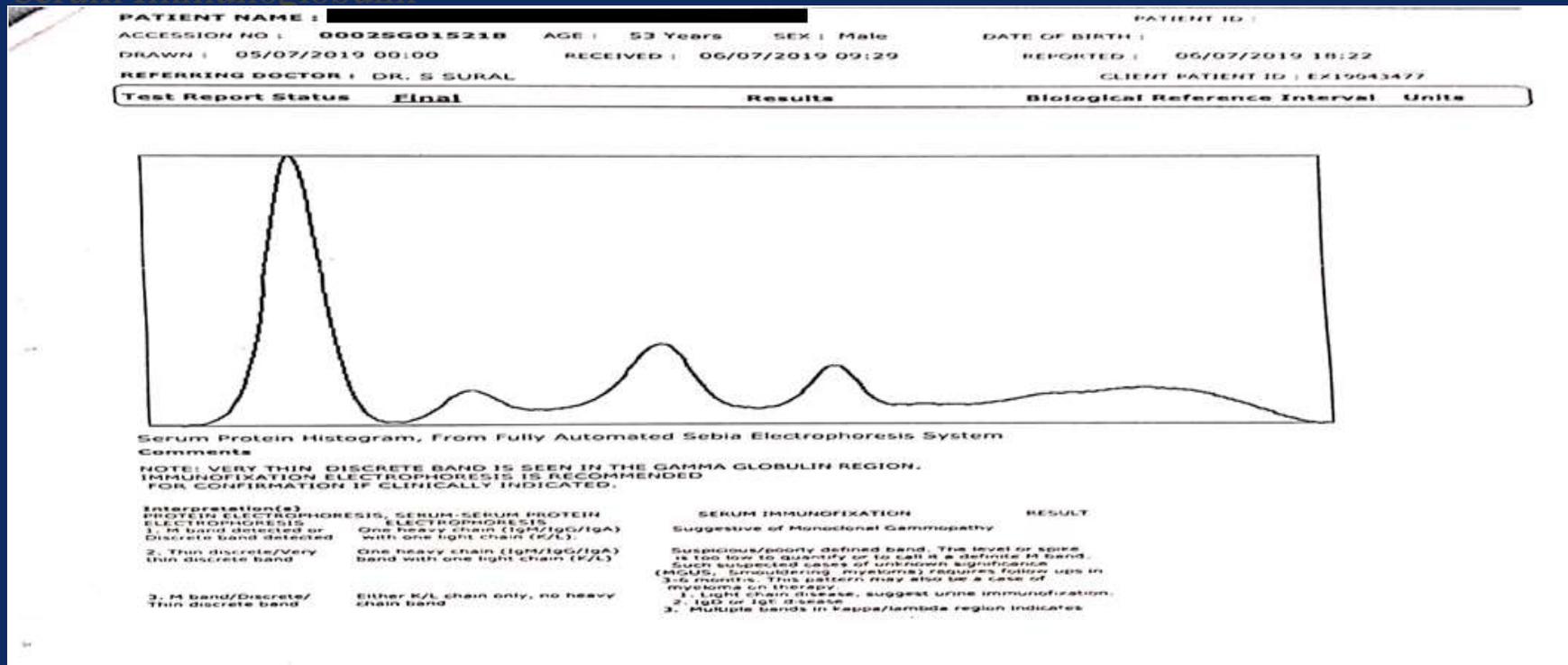
# Osmolality and Urinary Electrolytes

<b>Urinary Electrolyte</b>	<b>SODIUM</b>	<b>POTASSIUM</b>
	19 mmol/L	25mmol/L
<b>Urinary Osmolality</b>		<b>Plasma Osmolality</b>
450 mOsmol/kg		280 mOsmol/kg



# Ig Electrophoresis: M Band

## Serum Immunoglobulin



Bence-Jones Protein:  
Absent in Urine

# Bone Scintigraphy



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## SCINTIGRAPHY REPORT

Registration No	:	2019-09-01-0117	Date:	5 September 2019	
Name	:	[REDACTED]	Age:	55yrs	Sex: M
Referred by	:	DMCH			
Scintigraphy of	:	Skeletal System			
Radiotracer Used	:	Tc <sup>99m</sup> as MDP	Dose:	20 mCi	Route: I/V
			Date:	04.09.2019	

*Technique:* 20 mCi Tc<sup>99m</sup> MDP was injected I/v and static scans were obtained in both anterior & posterior views 3 hours post injection.

**Clinical Note:** Multiple Myeloma.

### Scintigraphic Findings:

Radiotracer concentration is uniform and symmetrical throughout the whole skeletal system.  
No unusual tracer accumulation is seen in any region of the skeleton.  
Both kidneys are visualized with normal tracer clearance.

**Comment:** Normal bone scintigraphy.

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# Bone Scintigraphy: Normal



# Bone Marrow Examination

Hypercellular marrow with decreased myeloid:erythroid ratio.

Comment: features are consistent with normal active marrow with myeloid and erythroid hyperplasia.

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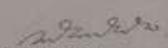
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Patient Name	[REDACTED]	Lab No	879370
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Age/Gender	53 Yrs/Male	Receiving Date	26/08/2019 4:10PM
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		Report Status	Final

HAEMATOLOGY

**Bone Marrow Examination Report**

Hypercellular marrow with decreased M:E ratio.  
Erythropoiesis is hyperactive and normoblastic with megaloid changes.  
Granulopoiesis is also hyperactive and maturing into segmented form.  
Lymphocytes, plasma cells and histiocytes are within normal range.  
Megakaryocytes are increased and dysplastic morphology.  
No evidence of malignancy or parasitic infestation is found.  
Comment: Features are consistent with normal active marrow with myeloid and erythroid hyperplasia.  
Advice : Serum ferritin.

  
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# Hematological Investigations: Normal

Serum. Iron – 110 mcg/dl (55-160 mcg/dl)

Serum Ferritin – 180 ng/ml (12-300 ng/ml)

TIBC – 370mcg/dl (240-450 mcg/dl)

Vitamin B12 – 240 pg/ml (200-300 pg/ml)

Serum Folate – 16 ng/ml (2-20 ng/ml)

Reticulocyte Count – 1.2 % (0.5-1.5%)

# Investigations to Exclude Malignancy

Serum Lactate Dehydrogenase – 207 U/L (135- 225 U/L)

Prostate Specific Antigen – 2.1 ng/ml (Upto 4 ng/ml)

Carcinoembryonic Antigen – 3.3 ng/ml (Upto 10 ng/ml)

Cancer Antigen 19-9 – 15.3 U/ml (Upto 37 U/ml)

# Calcium Panel

Serum Calcium: (8.5 – 10.5 mg/dL)

6/8/19 - **11.89 mg/dL**

16/8/19 - **10.63 mg/dL**

22/8/19 - **10.63 mg/dL**

03/9/19 - 9.0 mg/dL

Serum Albumin: 3.6 mg/dl (3.5-5.5 mg/dL)

Serum Inorganic Phosphate:  
2.5 mg/dL (2.5 – 4.5 mg/dL)

**Serum 25-OH vitamin D :**  
**118.50 ng/mL (20-50 ng/mL)**

Alkaline Phosphatase:  
140 IU/L (44-147 IU/L)

Serum Parathyroid Hormone:  
10.50 pg/mL (10-65 pg/mL)

# X-Ray Skull (B/V): Normal



# X-Ray Abdomen: AP View: Normal



# MRI Spine: Normal

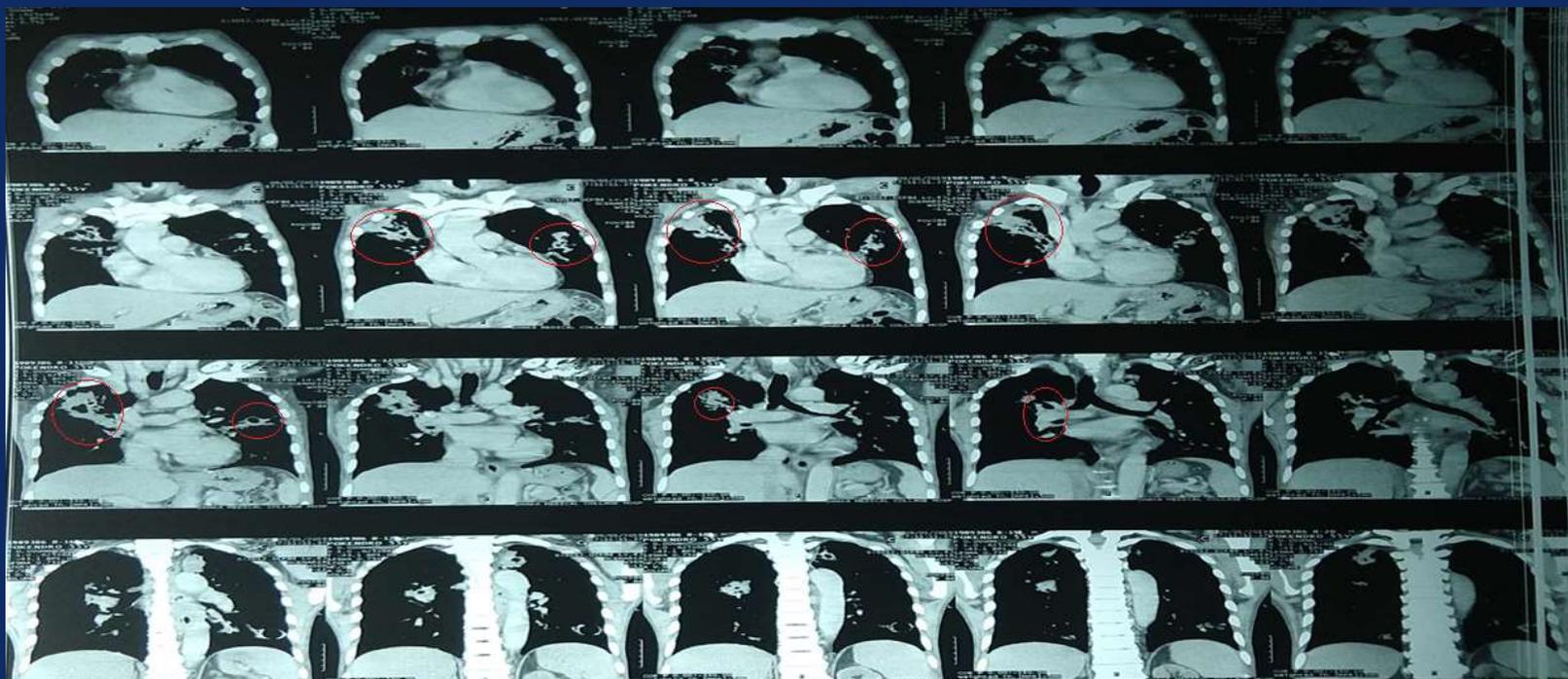


What Should  
Be Done Next?

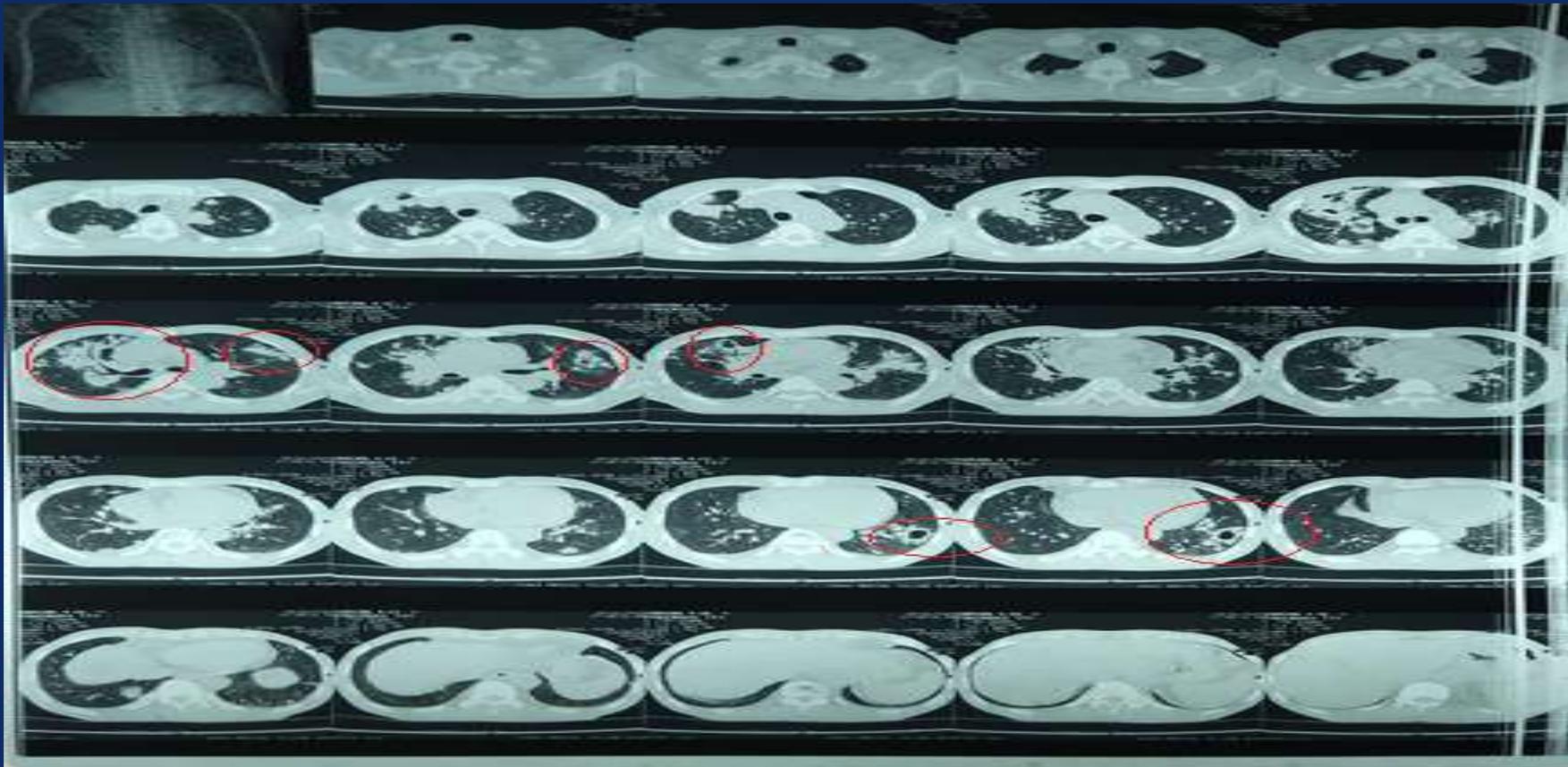
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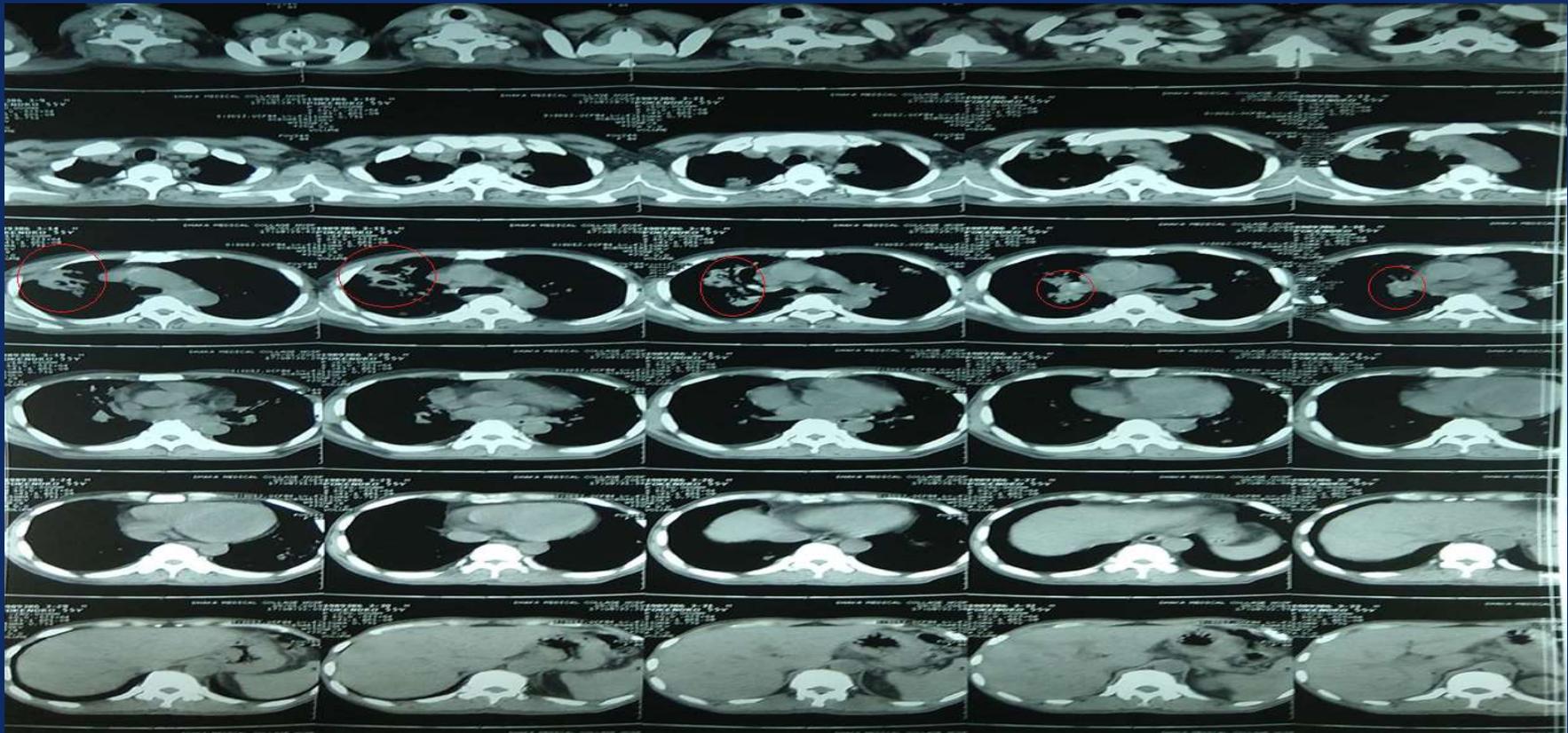
# CT Scan Chest (Coronal View)



# CT Scan Chest (Axial – Lung Window)



# CT Chest (Axial – Mediastinal Window)



# CT Scan of Chest: Comments

1. Thin space densification with air bronchogram is noted in both lung fields predominantly in the right upper & middle lobes and left upper lobe.
2. Thick walled cavitory lesion is also noted in left lateral basal segment

**Impression:** Multifocal consolidation in both lung field with cavitory lesion in left lateral basal segment (suggestive sequelae of pulmonary TB)



# Confirmatory Diagnosis:

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS WITH  
HYPERCALCEMIA WITH CHRONIC  
OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE WITH  
ACUTE KIDNEY INJURY

# On Going Treatment:

**Advise: Restrict Sun Exposure, Calcium and Vitamin D Supplementations**

**Adequate Hydration**

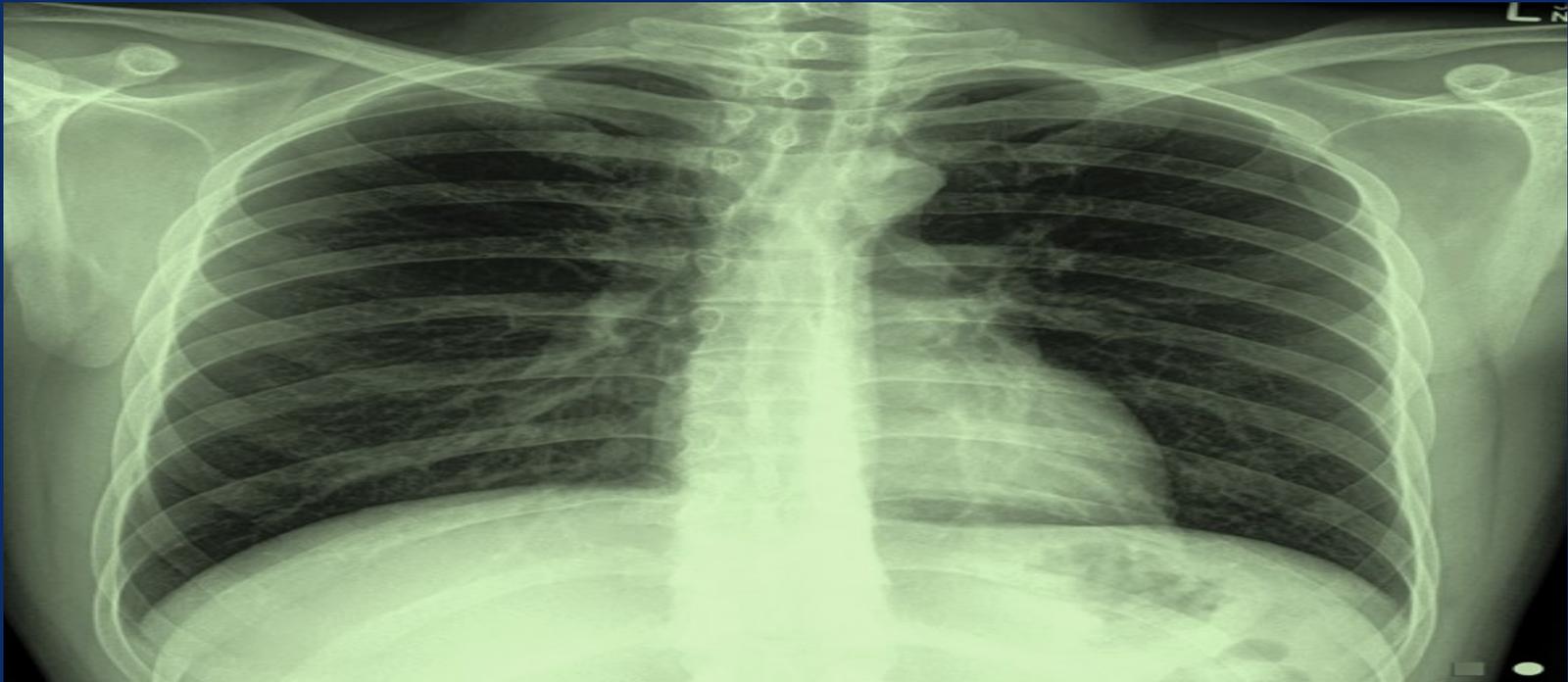
**Antitubercular Fixed Four Dose Combination**

**Pyridoxine**

**Sodium Chloride**

**Supportive Medications**

# Follow Up - Two Months: Normal CXR



# Follow Up Cont. (08/11/2019)

Complete Blood Count	05/11/2019
Hb	14.1g/dl
ESR	20mm in 1 <sup>st</sup> hour
Total count	
RBC	$4.01 \times 10^6 / \mu\text{L}$
WBC	$9.30 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$
Platelet	$198 \times 10^3 / \mu\text{L}$
Differential count	
Neutrophil	71%
Lymphocyte	22.4%
Monocyte	6.00%
Absolute indices	
MCV	92.4fL
MCH	30.2pg
MCHC	32.7g/dL

Thank You

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# Hypercalcaemia in TB: Case Reports

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## Severe Hypercalcemia as the Presenting Sign of Tuberculosis

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# Case Reports Contd.

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#### Short Communication

##### Severe Hypercalcemia in Tuberculosis

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# Hypercalcaemia due to Tuberculosis

Hypercalcemia is known to occur in granulomatous diseases.

Tuberculosis, sarcoidosis, fungal granulomas, and lymphomas are other conditions that are associated with disorders of calcium metabolism.

Hypercalcemia, although occurring infrequently, is a well recognized complication of active tuberculosis. Severe hypercalcemia has been **seldom** reported in literature.

# Mechanism

Evidence that extra-renal 1-alpha hydroxylation of 25-hydroxy cholcalciferol to 1,25 dihydroxycholecalciferol brought about by macrophages plays an important role in causing hypercalcemia in tuberculous patients. This enzyme activity is regulated by gamma interferons or endotoxin.

This activity usually has local effects to enhance all cell-mediated immunity to TB. However if produced in a large quantity, spillage may occur into circulation resulting in hypercalcemia.

# Management

Symptomatic hypercalcemia is managed by aggressive hydration and occasionally short courses of systemic corticosteroid to bring down the serum calcium level as was done in our patient.

In conclusion, we suggest that TB should be excluded in any febrile patient with hypercalcemia especially in countries where tuberculosis is endemic.

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