

Dear Editor,

We thank the colleagues for their interest in this case.⁽¹⁾ In answer to their question, the patient never produced any sputum and there was no evidence of cavitation at any stage on three serial CT scans of the thorax. In fact, the nodule got marginally smaller over time, and there is thus very little likelihood that respiratory transmission took place. It is much more likely that transmission occurred due to aerosolisation of bacilli during wound dressing.

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1. Walker TM, Crook DW, Peto TEA, Conlon CP. Whole-genome sequencing identifies nosocomial transmission of extra-pulmonary *M. tuberculosis*. QJM. 2016 Dec 29;109(12):819–20.