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## Response to treatment, mortality, and CD4 lymphocyte counts in HIV-infected persons with tuberculosis in Abidjan, CÃ´te d'Ivoire

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### Abstract

We examined the severity of immune deficiency in patients with HIV-associated tuberculosis in CÃ´te d'Ivoire and assessed its effect on mortality and response to treatment. Consecutive patients attending a tuberculosis treatment centre in Abidjan with smear-positive pulmonary or clinically diagnosed extrapulmonary tuberculosis were tested for HIV-1 and HIV-2 infections and had CD4 lymphocyte counts measured. Patients received standard short-course chemotherapy. Analysis of outcome (restricted to smear-positive tuberculosis patients) was done at 6 months. The 247 HIV-positive patients were significantly more likely than the 312 HIV-negative patients to have CD4 lymphocyte counts of less than 200/ $\frac{1}{4}$ L (43% vs 1%; odds ratio 56 $\hat{\cdot}$ 9; [95% CI 19 $\hat{\cdot}$ 7-185 $\hat{\cdot}$ 3]) and 200-499/ $\frac{1}{4}$ L (39% vs 14%, odds ratio 3 $\hat{\cdot}$ 8; [2 $\hat{\cdot}$ 5-5 $\hat{\cdot}$ 9]). Among HIV-positive patients, median CD4 lymphocyte counts in those with extrapulmonary

tuberculosis ( $198/\hat{1}^{1/4}L$ ;  $n=67$ ) was lower, but not significantly so, than among those with pulmonary tuberculosis ( $257/\hat{1}^{1/4}L$ ;  $n=180$ ). Among 460 patients with pulmonary tuberculosis, the overall mortality rate was significantly higher in HIV-positive than HIV-negative persons (6% vs 0 $\hat{A}$ ·4%; relative risk 17 $\hat{A}$ ·1 [2 $\hat{A}$ ·2-131 $\hat{A}$ ·4]), and increased with the severity of immune deficiency; mortality rates in HIV-positive patients with CD4 counts of  $<200/\hat{1}^{1/4}L$  and  $200-499/\hat{1}^{1/4}L$  were 10% and 4%, relative risk 27 $\hat{A}$ ·6 (3 $\hat{A}$ ·5-220 $\hat{A}$ ·8); and 11 $\hat{A}$ ·5 (1 $\hat{A}$ ·2-109), respectively, compared to HIV-negatives. Among patients completing treatment, cure rates were similar in HIV-positive patients (93%) and HIV-negative patients (92%), and were not related to CD4 counts. Severity of immune deficiency was the major determinant of mortality in HIV-associated tuberculosis. Among people completing treatment, microbiological response was satisfactory irrespective of serological or immune status.



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