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Treatment of Nontuberculous Mycobacterial Infections (NTM)

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1990

DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF DISEASE CAUSED BY NONTUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIA

This review considers the role of *Mycobacterium* in disease. It discusses the epidemiology, clinical presentation, diagnosis, and treatment of disease caused by nontuberculous mycobacteria. The review is based on a search of the literature from 1980 to 1990. The review is organized into sections on epidemiology, clinical presentation, diagnosis, and treatment. The review is intended for use by clinicians and researchers.

Epidemiology

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2007

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2020

Treatment of nontuberculous mycobacterial pulmonary disease: an official ATS/ERS/ESCMID/IDSA clinical practice guideline

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2022

Consensus management recommendations for less common nontuberculous mycobacterial pulmonary diseases

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NTM Treatment Guidelines



Slow Growers

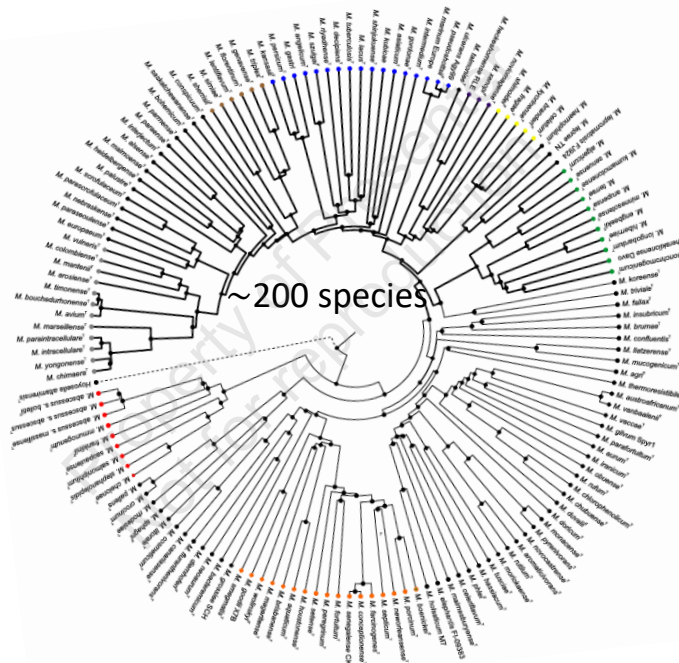
***M. avium* complex**

M. kansasii

M. Xenopi

Rapid Growers

M. abscessus



Slow Growers

M. malmoense

M. simiae

M. szulgai

M. genevensis

M. Gordonae

Rapid Growers

M. chelonae

M. fortuitum

ATS Diagnostic Criteria For NTM Lung Disease

Clinical

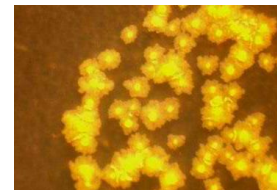


Cough
Fatigue
Weight Loss

Radiographs



Bacteriology



≥ 2 positive
sputum cultures

NTM Pulmonary Disease

Whom to Treat

Consider the:

Patient



Organism



Goals of Treatment



NTM Pulmonary Disease

Whom to Treat

Patient

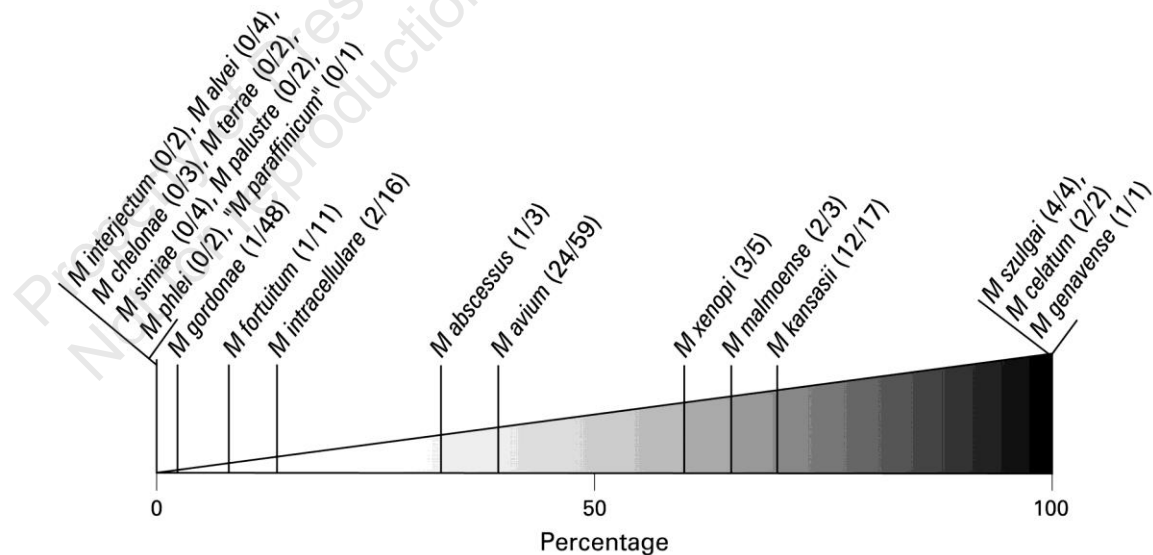


- Increased susceptibility?
- Clinical symptoms and overall condition of patient?
- Extent of radiograph abnormalities and whether there is evidence of progression?

NTM Pulmonary Disease

Whom to Treat

Organism



NTM Pulmonary Disease

Whom to Treat

Goals of Treatment



- Cure?
- Bacteriologic conversion?
- Relief of symptoms?
- Prevention of progression?

NTM

Treatment Outcomes

NTM	Expected Cure
<i>M. kansasii</i>	≥ 95%
MAC	56% to 85% Depends on extent of disease
<i>M. abscessus</i>	25-80% Depends on subspecies

NTM Pulmonary Disease

Whom to Treat

Under treatment

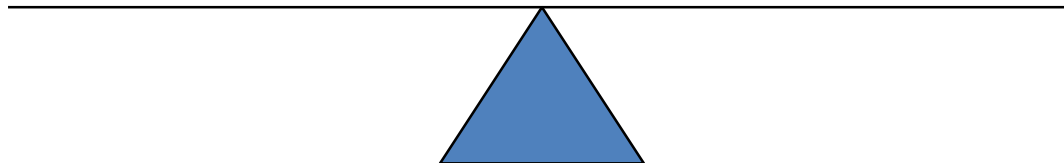


Disease progression

Over treatment



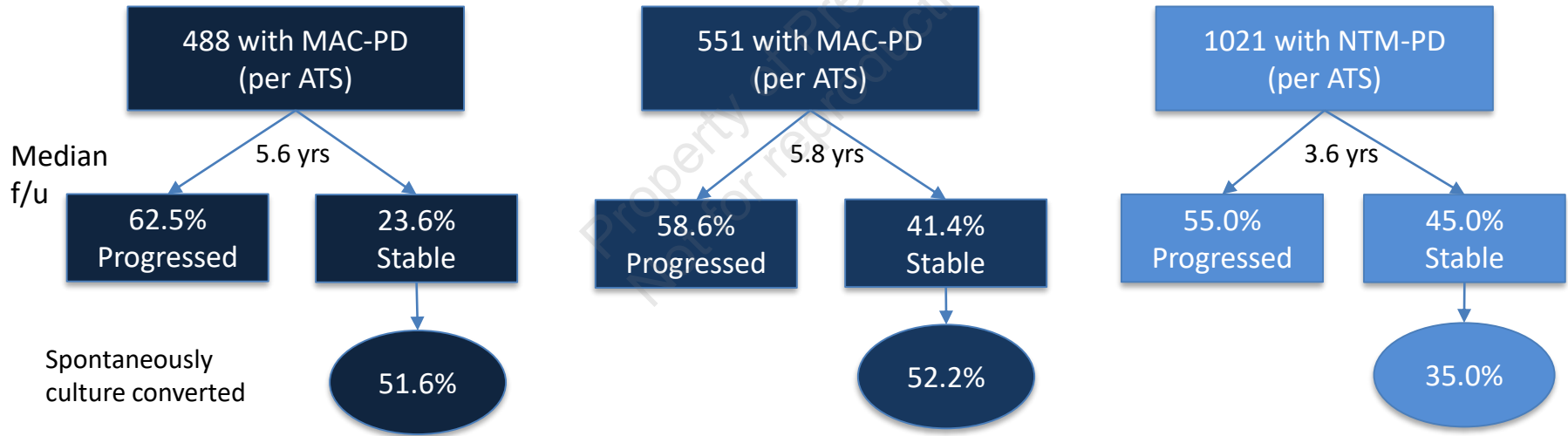
Drug toxicity



Watchful waiting or initiation of treatment?

Guideline recommendation

In patients who meet the diagnostic criteria for NTM pulmonary disease, we suggest initiation of treatment rather than watchful waiting, especially in the context of positive acid-fast bacilli sputum smears and/or cavitary lung disease (conditional recommendation, very low certainty in estimates of effect).



Hwang JA, et al.
Eur Respir J 2017;49:1600537

Kwon BS, et al.
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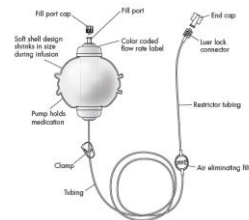
Treatment of NTM

Background

- Treatment requires multidrug regimens
 - Varies by species
 - Frequently associated with side-effects
- Treatment duration is long
 - 12 mos after culture becomes negative (conversion)
- Treatment outcomes are suboptimal
 - Vary by species
 - High rates of recurrence and reinfection.

Drugs Used for the Treatment of NTM

Oral	Parenteral	Inhaled
Macrolides (azithromycin, clarithromycin)	Aminoglycosides (streptomycin, amikacin)	Aminoglycosides (amikacin)
Rifamycins (rifampin, rifabutin)	Carbapenems (imipenem, meropenem)	
Ethambutol	Cefoxitin	
Isoniazid	Tigecycline	
Fluoroquinolones (moxifloxacin, ciprofloxacin)		
Cyclines (doxycycline, minocycline)		
Sulfonamides		
Oxazolidinones (linezolid, tedizolid)		
Clofazimine		



- 35 year old Caucasian woman from Florida with cough for several weeks



Mycobacterium avium Complex

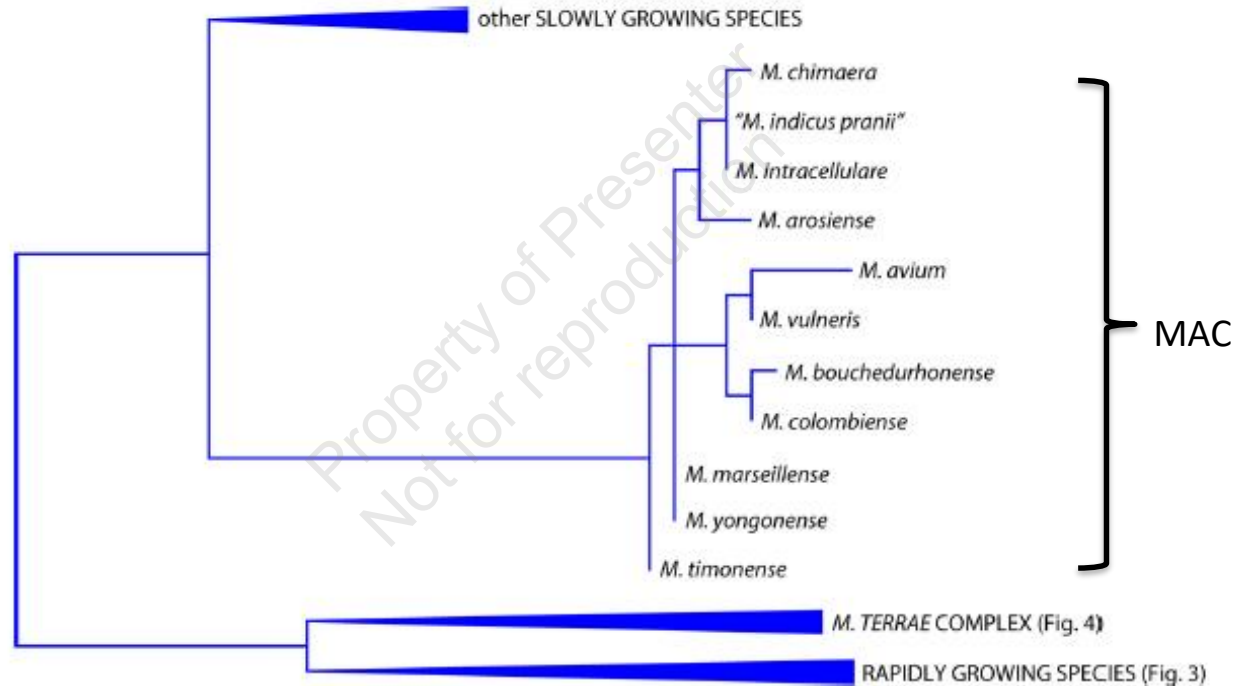


FIG 5 Phylogenetic tree, based on the 16S rRNA gene, for the species belonging to the *M. avium* complex.

Mycobacteriology Laboratory Results

Common Report

Identification:

M. avium complex

Drug susceptibility:

Amikacin R

Clarithromycin S

Rifampin S

Ethambutol R

Linezolid R

Moxifloxacin I



Preferred Report

Identification:

100 colonies of *M. chimaera*

Drug susceptibility: MIC

Amikacin 8

Clarithromycin 2

Linezolid 32

Moxifloxacin 2

Clofazimine 0.25

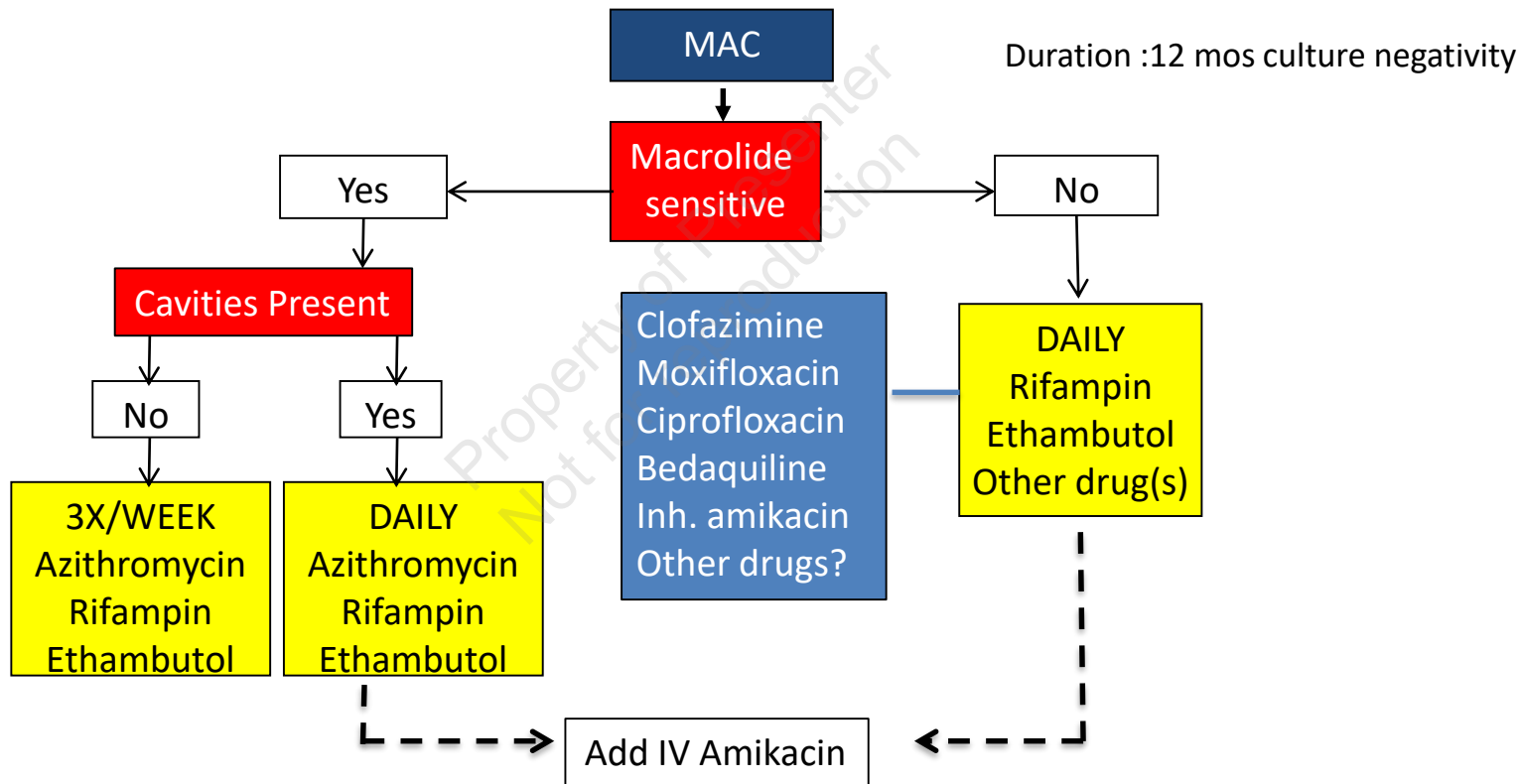
Recommended Initial Treatment Regimens for MAC Pulmonary Disease

	No. of Drugs	Preferred Regimen ^a	Dosing Frequency	Duration
Nodular-bronchiectatic	3	Azithromycin (clarithromycin) Rifampin (rifabutin) Ethambutol	3 times weekly	12 months beyond culture conversion
Cavitary	≥ 3	Azithromycin (clarithromycin) Rifampin (rifabutin) Ethambutol Amikacin IV (streptomycin) ^b	Daily (IV aminoglycoside may be used 3 times weekly)	

a. Alternative drugs could include clofazimine, moxifloxacin, linezolid (tedizolid), bedaquiline

b. Consider for cavitary, extensive nodular bronchiectatic or macrolide resistant disease

Treatment of Pulmonary *M. avium* complex



Treatment Outcomes for MAC

	Culture Conversion	Microbiologic Recurrence	Reinfection
Macrolide susceptible			
Non cavitary	70% - 80%	<u>25-48%</u>	46-75%
Cavitary	50% - 80%		
Macrolide resistant			
No surgery/aminoglycoside*	5%	—	—
Some surgery/aminoglycoside	15%		
Surgery + prolonged aminoglycoside*	80%		

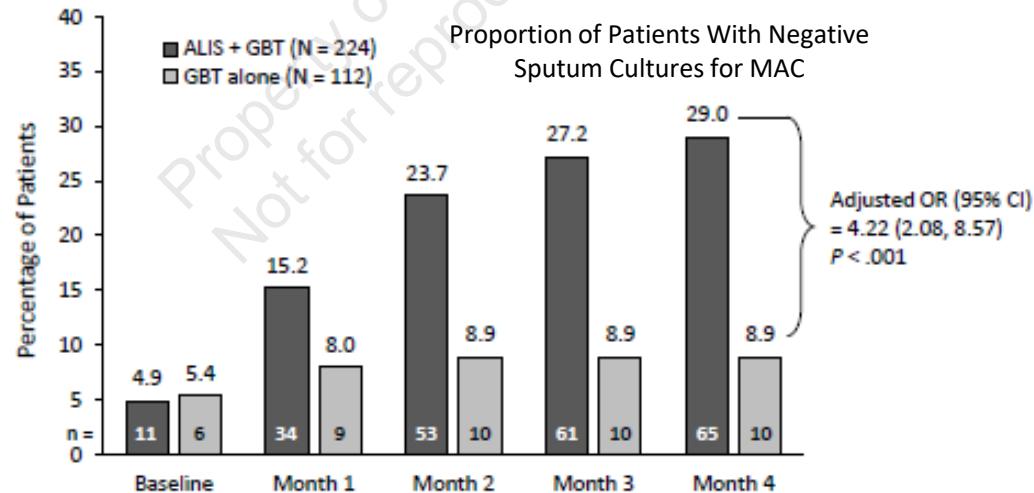
* ≥ 6 months parenteral aminoglycoside

Treatment Refractory MAC Pulmonary Disease

Guideline recommendation

In patients with MAC pulmonary disease who have failed therapy after at least six months of guideline-based therapy, we recommend addition of amikacin liposome inhalation suspension (ALIS) to the treatment regimen rather than a standard oral regimen, only. (strong recommendation, moderate certainty in estimates of effect).

CONVERT Study – Randomized, controlled study of ALIS in treatment refractory MAC pulmonary disease



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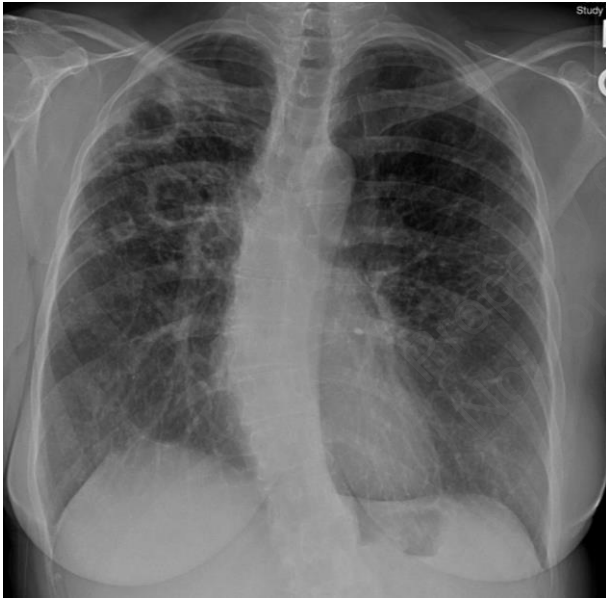
c. Sputum culture positive after 6 months of guideline-based therapy

M. avium complex

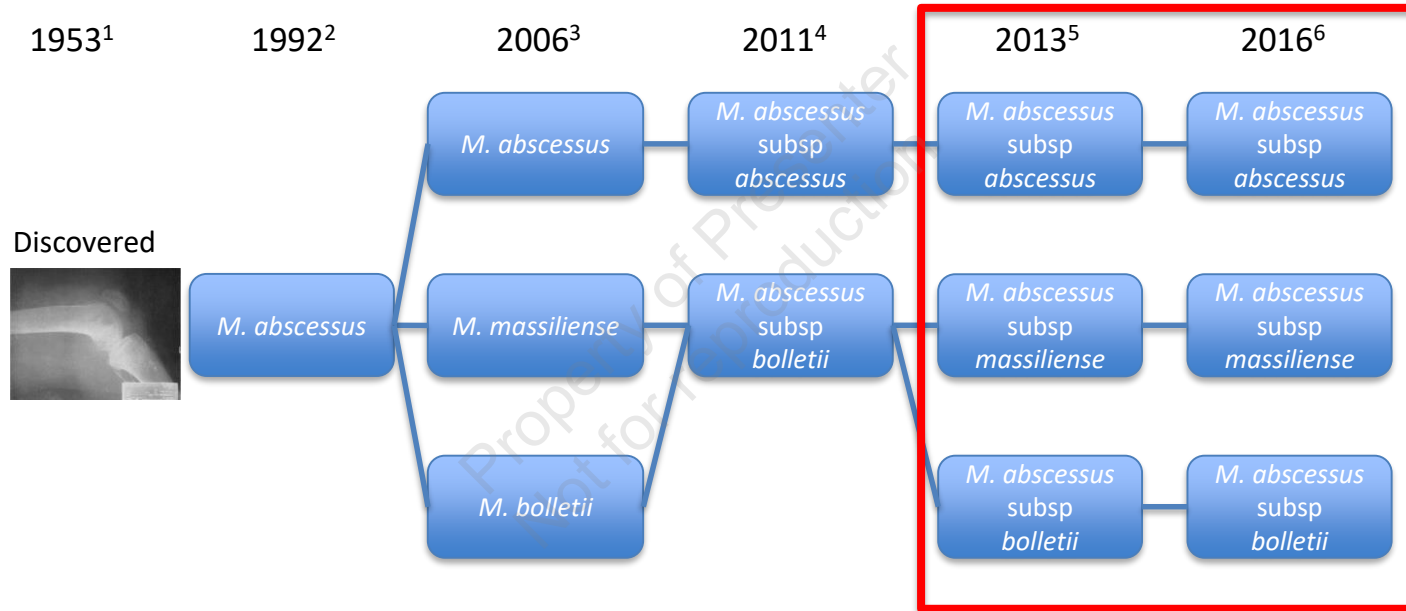
Summary

- MAC pulmonary disease should be treated with a macrolide-based regimen
- An aminoglycoside should be considered in cavitary disease and when macrolide resistance is present
- The optimal duration of therapy is not known but should be *at least* 12 months beyond the point of culture conversion
- Macrolide susceptible MAC is usually cured
- In treatment refractory MAC, amikacin liposome inhalation suspension should be added to guideline-based therapy
- Recurrences are common and usually due to reinfection with another strain (or species)

- 68 year old woman with chronic cough and fatigue



Mycobacterium abscessus: An Evolving Taxonomy



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²Kusunoki S. Int J Syst Bacteriol 1992;42:240

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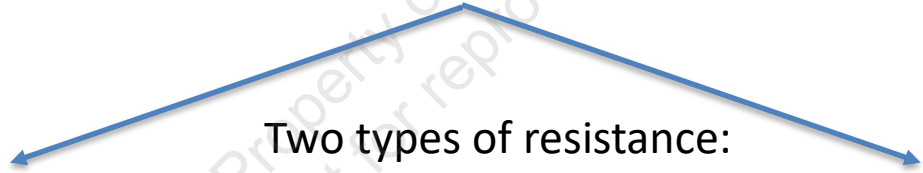
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Mycobacterium abscessus: Macrolide Resistance

***M. abscessus* is resistant to most antimicrobials**

Resistance to macrolides impacts treatment outcomes



Two types of resistance:

Mutational Resistance

Mutation in *rrl* gene

Inducible Resistance

Erythromycin ribosomal
methylase gene, *erm*(41)

Mycobacterium abscessus: Inducible Macrolide Resistance

	Erythromycin ribosomal methylase gene, <i>erm</i> (41)	Functional <i>erm</i> (41) gene	Inducible macrolide resistance	Macrolide is active
<i>M. abscessus</i> subsp <i>abscessus</i>	erm gene	Yes	Yes	X
	C28 mutation	No	No	✓
<i>M. abscessus</i> subsp <i>massiliense</i>	Truncated erm gene	No	No	✓
<i>M. abscessus</i> subsp <i>bolletii</i>	erm gene	Yes	Yes	X

Mycobacteriology Laboratory Results

Common Report

Identification:

M. chelonae-abscessus group

Drug susceptibility:

Amikacin R

Cefoxitin I

Clarithromycin S

Tigecycline S



Preferred Report

Identification:

200 colonies of *M. abscessus*,
subspecies *abscessus*

erm(41) – present, T28 mutation

Drug susceptibility:**MIC**

Amikacin

8

Cefoxitin

16

Clarithromycin

1

Imipenem

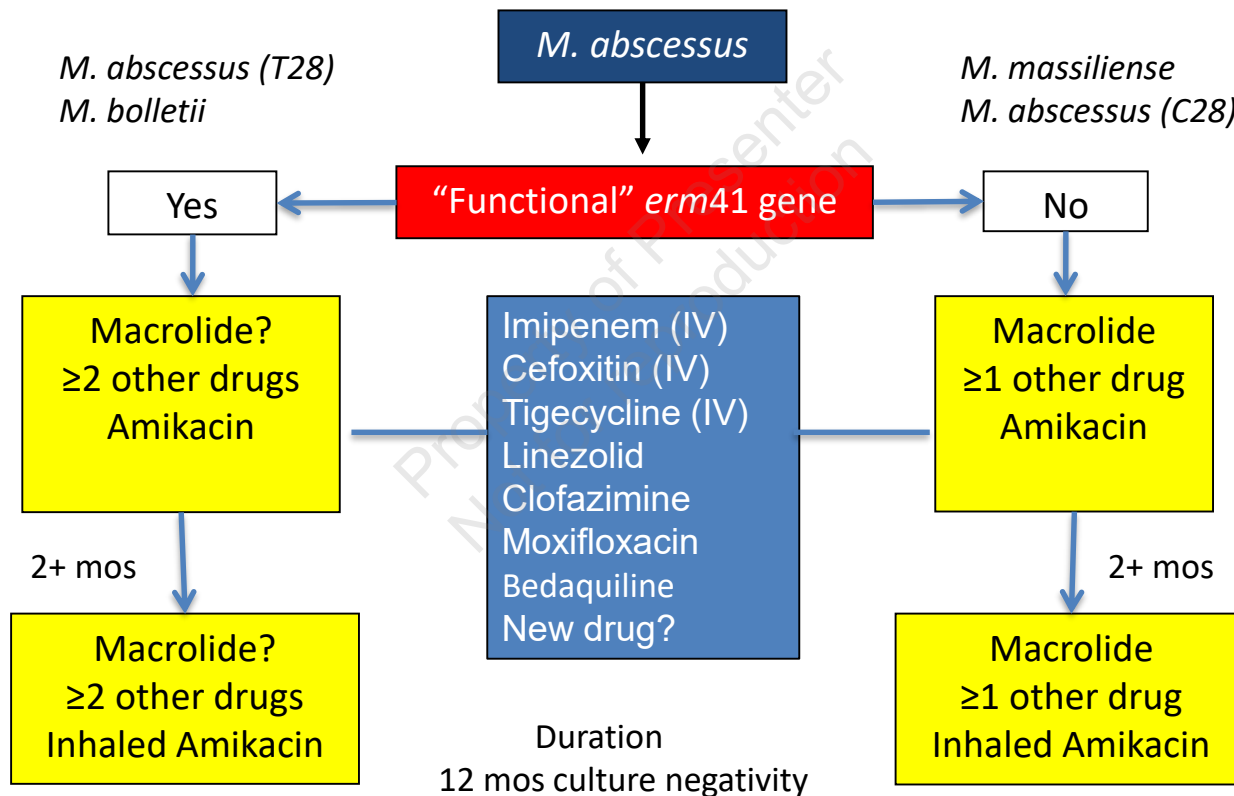
Tigecycline

0.125

Clofazimine

<0.5

Treatment of *M. abscessus* complex



Treatment Outcomes for *M. abscessus* vs. *M. massiliense*

Study	Population	Treatment	N	Sputum conversion	Failure to convert	Recurrence*
Koh, 2011	Non Cystic Fibrosis	<i>M. abscessus</i>	24	25%	58%	17%
		<i>M. massiliense</i>	33	88%	3%	9%
Lyu, 2014	Non Cystic Fibrosis	<i>M. abscessus</i>	26	42%	27%	31%
		<i>M. massiliense</i>	22	96%	0%	5%
Roux, 2015	Cystic Fibrosis	<i>M. abscessus</i>	12	25%	-	-
		<i>M. massiliense</i>	7	86%	-	-
Park, 2017	Non Cystic Fibrosis	<i>M. abscessus</i>	19	26%	74%	55%
		<i>M. massiliense</i>	17	82%	18%	0%

*Most recurrences are due to reinfection

Koh WJ, et al. Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2011;183:405-10

Choi H, et al. Antimicrob Agents Chemother 2016 epub

Park J, et al. CID 2017;64:301-8

M. abscessus: Summary

- *M. abscessus* has high levels of *in vitro* resistance to many antibiotics
- Treatment requires a combination of intravenous, oral, and inhaled antibiotics
- Treatment outcomes are usually good when the *erm*(41) gene is not functional
- Most recurrences appear to be due to reinfection or another species
- Surgical resection may increase bacteriologic conversion

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