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A profile of a retrospective cohort of 22 patients with COVID-19 and active/treated tuberculosis

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Both tuberculosis and COVID-19 being communicable and prevalent diseases in India, the co-existence can lead to worse outcomes, as seen in this study, where there was high mortality among active as well as treated TB patients with COVID-19 co-infection <https://bit.ly/3jHcGbQ>

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To the Editor:

We read with interest the two articles by TADOLINI *et al.* [1] and STOCHINO *et al.* [2], which described recent cohorts of either current or former tuberculosis (TB) patients with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and studied their clinical course. India has the majority of global burden of TB, along with highest rising number of daily COVID-19 cases in the world [3, 4]. The information about COVID-19 and active/former TB co-infection reported so far is sparse, but it can be assumed that person with TB, when co-infected with COVID-19, may be at more risk of poor outcomes [1, 5]. The present study describes the first-ever cohort of current or treated TB patients co-infected with COVID-19 from a high TB burden country, recruited by a tertiary care hospital in India.