

Table 7 Sensitivity of each of the criteria used for the definitive diagnosis of tuberculous pleurisy

Criterion	No. of positive/total cases	%
<i>Pleural fluid</i>		
Stain ^a	0/65	0.0
Culture ^b	24/65	36.9
<i>Biopsy tissue</i>		
Stain ^a	17/60	28.3
Culture ^b	49/60	81.7
<i>Pleural biopsy</i>		
Caseating granulomas	44/60	73.3
Non-caseating granulomas	9/60	15.0
<i>Sputum</i>		
Stain ^a	6/65	9.2
Culture ^b	15/65	23.0
<i>Tuberculin skin test</i>		
Positive	48/65	73.8

^aZiehl-Neelsen; ^bLowenstein.