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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADA : Adenosine deaminase

AFB : Acid-Fast Bacilli.

ARTI : Annual Risk of Tuberculosis Infection.

ATS : American Thorathic Society.

BCG: Bacillus Calmette Guerin.

CDC : Centers for Disease Control.

CFP-10 : Culture filtrate protein 10

DNA : Deoxyribonucleic acid.

DOTS : Directly Observed Therapy with Standardized

Regimens.

ELISA : Enzyme linked immunosorbent assay.

ELISPOT: Enzyme-linked immunospot assay

EMB : Ethambutol

ESAT-6 : Early secretory antigen target 6

GCT : Governorate coordinator for Tuberculosis

HIO : Health insurance organization

HIV : Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

IGRAs : Interferon-gamma release assays

INH : Isonicotinic Acid Hydrazide.

IUATLD: International Union against TB and Lung Disease.

LJ : Löwenstein-Jensen

LSPS : large sequence polymorphisms

LTBI : Latent tuberculosis infection

M.TB : Mycobacterium Tuberculosis.

MDR TB : Multi-Drug Resistance Tuberculosis.

MGIT : Mycobacterium Growth Indicator Tube.

MOHP : Ministry Of Health and Population.

MTD : Mycobacterium tuberculosis direct test

NAAT : Nucleic acid amplification tests

NIAID : National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

No. : Number

NTP : National TB Program.

PAS : P-Aminosalicylic acid

PCR : Polymerase Chain Reaction.

PHC: Primary health care.

PZA : Pyrazinamide

RIF : Rifampin

SM : Streptomycin

SNPS : single nucleotide polymorphisms

TB : Tuberculosis.

Th cells : T-helper cells.

WHO : World Health Organization.

XDR TB : Xtensively-drug resistant tuberculosis

ZN : Ziehl-Neelson.

INTRODUCTION

Tuberculosis is a disease caused by bacteria belonging to *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex. The disease usually affects the lungs, although in up to one third of cases, other organs are involved. Tuberculosis is the main cause of infection related mortality in the world. It has increased in majority of countries not only due to its association with HIV, but also due to other conditions such as poverty, migration, addiction, homeless or inadequacy of health care resources. (**Alcaide et al; 1996**).

Tuberculosis is considered as the most important medical problem in Egypt after Bilharziasis. In spite of Ministry of health and population (MOHP) efforts to face TB in past years, it is still a big problem which necessitates more efforts. (MOHP; 1996).

Someone in the world is newly infected with TB bacilli every second and one-third of the world's population is currently infected with TB (WHO; 2006). Only about 10 percent of these people will develop TB disease in their lifetime. The other 90 percent will never get sick from the TB germs or be able to spread them to other people. TB is an increasing and major world wide problem, especially in Africa where the spread has been facilitated by AIDS. It is estimated that nearly 1 billion people will become newly infected, over 150 million will become sick, and 36 million

will die worldwide between now and 2020 – if control is not strengthened further. Each year there are more than 8.8 million cases and close to 1.6 million deaths attributed to TB. (WHO; 2007).

AIM OF THE WORK

The aim of the present work is to study the variable forms of tuberculous cases in the chest hospital in Fayoum governorate in the period from June 2006 to June 2009.

EVOLUTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis has co-evolved with humans for many thousands of years, and perhaps as much as several million years, but the oldest human remains showing signs of tuberculosis infection are 9,000 years old. During this evolution, M. tuberculosis has lost numerous coding and non-coding regions in its genome, losses that can be used to distinguish between strains of the bacteria. The implication is that M. tuberculosis strains differ geographically, so their genetic differences can be used to track the origins and movement of each strain (**Rao et al: 2005**).

It is a simple and well-known fact that many, probably the majority of us, harbour in our bodies the living infectious agent, the tubercle bacillus, i.e., are infected, but do not develop pathological signs. We live our normal life, yet as bearers of viable tubercle bacilli we might develop disease at any moment; we are infected, yet we do not suffer from infectious disease; some of us are predisposed to succumb to tuberculosis, some of us are resistant.

The primary complex, Disseminated or generalised tuberculosis and Isolated pulmonary or bronchogenic tuberculosis are the fundamental types in which tuberculosis appears in man. These 3 fundamental types of tuberculosis may occure in man independent