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A meeting organized by Professor A. Newman Taylor and Dr P Collins will be held on 31 October 2003 at the National Heart and Lung Institute, in London. Further information please contact Magda Holt, tel 44 (0)20 7255 9424; email: m.holt@ic.ac.uk.

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We agree that the possibility of a bronchogenic spread of tuberculosis is a matter that should be considered in the treatment of patients with chronic tuberculous empyema. This further supports our theory of a bronchogenic spread of tuberculosis. We hope that our case report will stimulate further research into this interesting topic.

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