

Table 1 Comparison of direct microscopy and bleach method for the detection of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

	DIRECT MICROSCOPY (n)	BLEACH METHOD (n)
TOTAL NUMBER (n)	60	32
NO INFECTED (NI)	32	32
1-9 AFB in 10 fields (+)	7	SCANTY
1-9 AFB per field (++)	10	+
>10 AFB per field (+++)	15	++