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### Pott's disease

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**Background & Aim:** 28 year old male, native of Mali, resident in Spain for 9 months without recent visits to his country. He comes to our consultation for back pain. He is employed at glasshouse, where he makes a lot of physical efforts. Personal history: no drug allergies. No cardiovascular risk factors or toxic habits. He recounts back pain for 4 months, with irradiation to right leg, which limits his movements. Good general condition, exploration without alterations except pain to the palpation of lumbar column in region paravertebral and thorny apophyses of L4 to L5. Right Lassegué. Hiporreflexia rotuliana right. He has started treatment with Ibuprofeno every 8 hours that was indicated in Urgencias but he was told that if not improves, go to his doctor.

**Method:** In view of the evolution we request a lumbar X-ray where we find a lytic destruction of anterior portion of vertebral body and intervertebral disks L4-L5 destroyed, that suggests us lumbar tuberculosis as the first diagnostic option, for what we request an urgent thorax X-ray for discard a pulmonary tuberculosis active process, that was normal. The patient was referred to the emergency service to start the treatment and complete the study.

**Results:** Lumbar MR was realized: diffuse affectation of the space discal L4-L5 with partial liquefaction of the disc. Destruction of the previous wall of L5. Caudal extension with occupation to level S5-L1. On having administered IVC we appreciate abscess in prevetebral level in L5, epidural and to level of iliac psoas. Compatible with espondilodiscitis of tubercular origin.

**Conclusions:** Pott's disease is a form of tuberculosis that occurs outside the lungs. Is usually a result of hematogenous spread of Mycobacterium tuberculosis. It is important to consider the history of the patients, specially when they came from countries with another kind of endemic pathology.