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Pulmonary fibrotic-like changes in patients recovering from COVID-19: Correspondence

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To the Editor,

We would like to share ideas on the publication Pulmonary fibrotic-like changes on follow-up chest CT exam in patients recovering from COVID-19 pneumonia (1). Vural et al. concluded that “in this study, pulmonary fibrosis-like changes were observed in more than one-third of the participants with moderate-to-severe COVID-19 pneumonia during follow recovered from COVID-19 pneumonia in terms of pulmonary sequelae (1).” We agree that there might be lung change in some COVID-19 cases. The change might be due to several reasons. It might be sequelae of COVID-19 or it might be due to other reasons. Since there is usually no data on pre-COVID-19 of each patient, it is difficult to rule out any underlying lung problem that exists before having COVID-19. In a developing country, COVID-19 might accompany with other background lung problem such as tuberculosis, and the post-COVID-19 finding might still show the chronic lesion of tuberculosis (2).

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