

Table 2 Comparison of size of pleural effusion at presentation and residual pleural thickening after 6 months treatment

Residual thickening ^a	Mild		Pleural effusion ^a		Severe		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Severe	–		1	1.8	3	5.7	4
Moderate	–		3	5.6	4 ^b	7.7	7
Mild	12	14.3	17 ^b	31.5	11 ^b	21.2	40
Obliteration of costophrenic angle	60	71.4	27 ^b	50.0	31 ^b	59.6	118
Normal chest X-ray	12	14.3	6 ^b	11.1	3 ^b	5.8	21
Total	84		54		52		190

^aSevere: $\geq 2/3$ of the hemithorax; moderate: $> 1/3$ but $< 2/3$; mild: $\leq 1/3$.

^bP-value > 0.05 .