TUBERCULOSTATIC ACTIVITY OF RIFABUTIN (MYCOBUTIN) AND ITS CLINICAL EFFICACY IN PATIENTS WITH DESTRUCTIVE RESISTANT PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

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It has been proved the higher bacteriostatic activity and clinical efficacy of rifabutin in comparison with rifampicin. The partial cross resistance of mycobacterium tuberculosis to rifampicin and rifabutin (almost in 90 % of cases) was registered. During the treatment with rifabutin in combination with other antituberculosis medicines the rate of sputum abacilation was 23 % higher, and the rate of partial or complete cavern regression — 1,3—1,5 months faster, than in those regimens without rifabutin.