

SUMMARY

A 35-year-old male from Mathugama was directed to National STD AIDS Control Programme (NSACP) from a foreign employment visa agency with results of positive TPPA and reactive VDRL.

Both tests (VDRL and TPPA) were repeated on 25th June 2019 at the STD clinic, Colombo. His VDRL was reactive with a titre of 32 and TPPA was 2+. On his second visit to STD clinic which was on 2nd July 2019, coppery colour scaling macules on his palms, soles and non-itchy erythematous maculopapular rash over the trunk were detected. The diagnosis of secondary syphilis was made on clinical and serological background. Consequently, one dose of intramuscular Benzathine Penicillin was administered. His last sexual exposure was an unprotected insertive and receptive oral sex with a non-regular male partner three months back. The partner has gone abroad, and patient was unable to get his contact details, partner tracing was impossible.

Response for treatment was assessed by following up the patient after a month on 31st July 2019.