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Title: Diffuse bronchiolitis pattern on CT scan as a presentation of pulmonary tumor thrombotic microangiopathy: a case report

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This case is one of the few examples described in the literature of the last 10 years. Almost all other cases evolved to death due to the difficulty of clinical diagnosis of this entity, a rare complication of malignant disease. None of the cases described previously had diffuse centrilobular nodular opacities associated with tree in bud pattern disseminated through the lungs. Radiologists should include this diagnosis in cancer patients who develop shortness of breath and these findings on CT scan.