### TABLE 1
**Diagnostic Criteria for *Mycobacterium avium* complex Pulmonary Disease**

The following criteria apply to symptomatic patients with infiltrate, nodular or cavitary disease, or a high resolution computed tomography scan that shows multifocal bronchiecstasis and/or multiple small nodules.

A. If three sputum/bronchial wash results are available from the previous 12 mo:
   1. three positive cultures for MAC with negative AFB smear results or
   2. two positive cultures for MAC and one positive AFB smear

B. If only one bronchial wash is available:
   1. positive culture with a 2+, 3+, or 4+ AFB smear or 2+, 3+, or 4+ growth of MAC on solid media

C. If sputum/bronchial wash evaluations are nondiagnostic or another disease cannot be excluded:
   1. transbronchial or lung biopsy yielding MAC or
   2. biopsy showing mycobacterial histopathologic features (granulomatous inflammation and/or AFB) and one or more sputums or bronchial washings are positive for MAC even in low numbers

At least three respiratory samples should be evaluated from each patient. Other reasonable causes for the disease should be excluded. Expert consultation should be sought when diagnostic difficulties are encountered.