

**Table 1 Profiles in patients with tetanus**

	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	Case 4
Age, Sex	82, male	88, male	91, female	71, male
Onset	April, 2003	January, 2007	January, 2007	Sep, 2007
Symptoms				
Difficulty in opening mouth	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)
Opisthotonic posturing	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)
Tachycardia	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)
Hypertension	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)
Mechanical ventilation	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)

**Table 2 Outcomes of all patients**

	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	Case 4
Abdominal bloating	(+)	(+)	(+)	(+)
Paralytic ileus	(+)	(-)	(-)	(+)
Serum albumin level (g/dl)				
1st hospital day	3.5	3.2	3.0	2.9
28th hospital day	4.1	3.3	3.2	3.5
Body weight (kg)				
1st hospital day	56.5	40.3	39.0	63.2
28th hospital day	58.8	43.4	40.4	64.7
Vomiting	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Aspiration pneumonia	(-)	(+) (before admission)	(-)	(-)
Transferred total NTF (hospital day)	13	26	22	28
Discharge our hospital (hospital day)	48	49	66	71