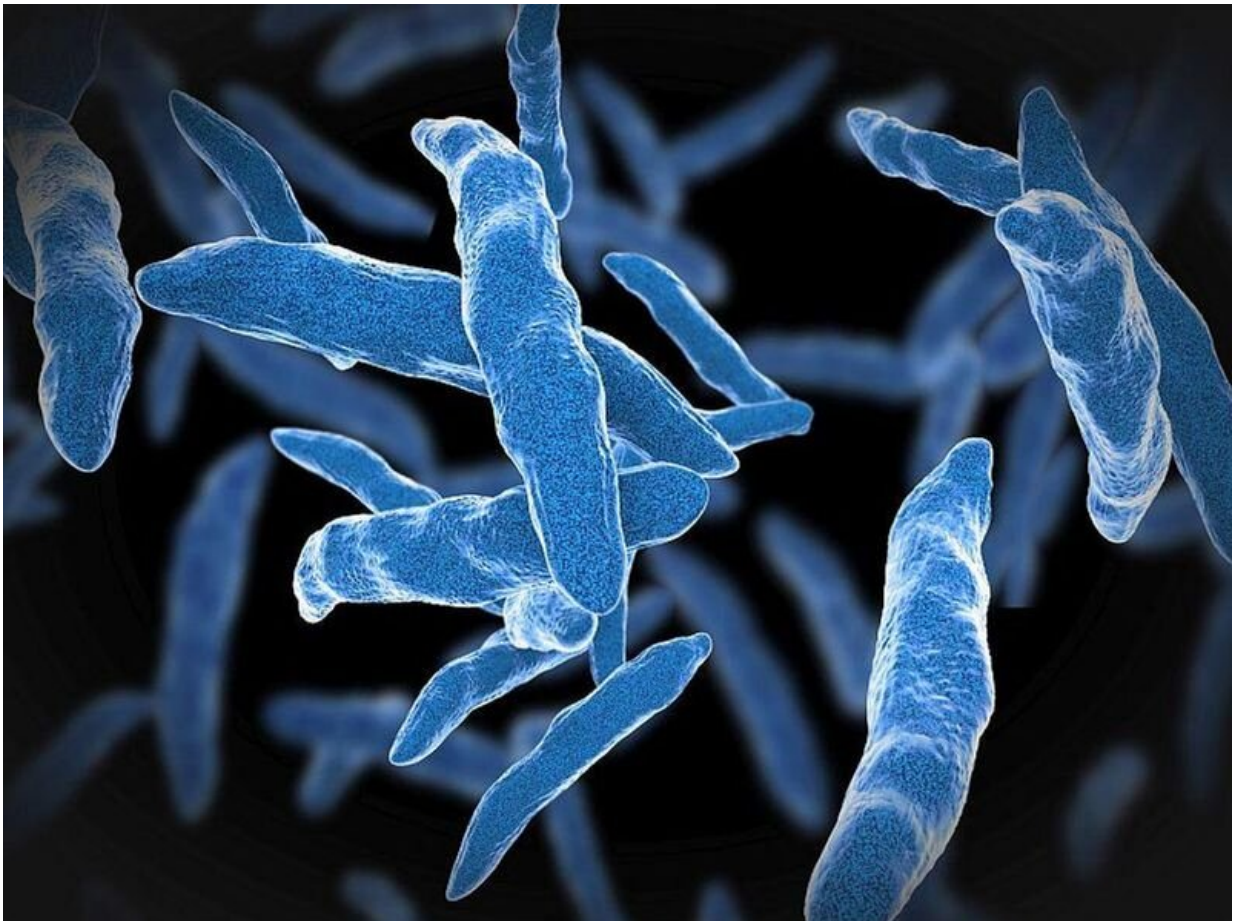


TB outbreak may be linked to bone repair product

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A tuberculosis outbreak that may be linked to a product used to repair

bones is being investigated by U.S. health officials.

More than 100 patients may have been infected after having [spinal surgery](#) or fracture repairs with a bone product contaminated with the bacteria that causes TB, *The Washington Post* reported.

Aziyo Biologics Inc. has recalled 154 containers of the bone putty that includes [human cells](#) and is used in a range of orthopedic procedures. The products were sent to 37 facilities in 20 states between March 3 and April 2, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The company said the product came from a single donor, or cadaver, *The Post* reported.

Of the 154 recalled containers, 136 were implanted into 113 patients, the CDC said. Eight [patients](#) died after their procedures, but the cause of death has not been determined, CDC spokeswoman Martha Sharan said Thursday, *The Post* reported. It is unlikely that TB was the cause of death because the disease is slow-growing, CDC officials said.

More information: [The Washington Post Article](#)

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