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Body: Pulmonary lymphangiomyomatosis (LAM) is a rare disease characterized by proliferation of abnormal TSC1/2-mutated smooth muscle cells in the lung parenchyma, leading to progressive cystic destruction, lung function decline, and respiratory insufficiency. LAM may be either sporadic (S-LAM) or associated with the tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC-LAM). Cross-sectional studies have suggested that TSC-LAM is less severe than S-LAM, but no longitudinal data are available. We retrospectively compared the rate of FEV1 decline in 16 patients with TSC-LAM and 53 patients with S-LAM diagnosed according to ERS 2010 criteria with a lung function follow-up ≥ 1 year. Results are shown below.

	TSC-LAM	S-LAM	
	mean \pm SD	mean \pm SD	p value
n	16	53	
women, %	94	100	
age at LAM diagnosis, yr	33 \pm 11	40 \pm 10	0.004
initial FEV1, %pred	72 \pm 25	70 \pm 26	NS
lung function follow-up, yr	5.9 \pm 5.2	5.3 \pm 3.8	NS
FEV1 decline %pred/yr	-2.8 \pm 2.8	-3.4 \pm 5.0	NS

FEV1 decline ml/an	-103 ± 89	-114 ± 177	NS
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Conclusion: Although diagnosed at an earlier age than S-LAM, patients with TSC-LAM had similar mean FEV1 at diagnosis, and similar mean rate of FEV1 decline. Lung function follow-up similar to S-LAM may be recommended in TSC-LAM.