Reviewer's report

Title: The Enigma of Extrapulmonary Tuberculosis in Ethiopia: no single driving Factor but possible Roles for Zoonotic Transmission of Mycobacterium tuberculosis and a Complex Interplay of Host and Pathogen Genotypes

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Major Compulsory Revisions
None

Minor Compulsory Revisions
1. Lines 183-184: Why were patients with disseminated disease excluded? What was their number?
2. Lines 195-202: This information is not formulated in a clear, understandable way for an outsider.
3. Lines 264-265: Was association with lineage excluded?
4. Line 271: Somewhat confusing what ‘AFB positivity’ refers to; culture or smear. Usually it is restricted to smear results.
5. Lines 196-300: not clear how the (lack of) association was determined if pulmonary TB patients did not have HIV testing done.
6. Line 491: What about the impact of population density in urban settings as a factor of higher transmission in an urban setting?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests