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Dear Professor,

thank you for reviewing our manuscript and giving us the opportunity to revise it again. We made every effort to fully address the criticisms of this revision. Appropriate modifications have been made to the manuscript according to the reviewers’ suggestions. For further details please refer to the point to point argumentation below.

Reviewer: Gerhard Walzl
A native English speaking colleague read and edited appropriately the manuscript.

Reviewer: Zahra Toossi

1. We revised the discussion and added a paragraph indicating that although haematogenous dissemination is thought to occur following initial human MTB infection there is no direct evidence of this in the present study. We also clarified that our results are rather consistent with recirculation of activated monocytes from a site of infection.
2. We totally agree with the reviewer’s comment, that it is hard to know the significance of the data regarding LTBI. So, we added a paragraph in the discussion commenting on that, according to the reviewer’s suggestion.
3. We replaced TBC by TB in the text, when referring to tuberculosis.