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The Editor

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Thank you for your consideration of the following original research article for publication:

High prevalence of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis in African children in a setting of high HIV prevalence.

This is a retrospective study reviewing the prevalence and clinical outcome of childhood multi-drug resistant tuberculosis in children attending two hospitals in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The authors of this article are Lee Fairlie, Natalie Beylis, Gary Reubenson, David P Moore and Shabir A Madhi.

We believe that this article is important as it highlights the high prevalence of MDR-TB in a setting of high HIV prevalence. This study highlights the importance of HIV testing in children with TB and the importance of microbiological investigation of children diagnosed with TB.
All authors have directly participated in the planning, execution, or analysis of this study. All have read and approved the final version of the manuscript. No author has a conflict of interest.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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