Reviewer’s report

Title: In-hospital outcome of patients with culture-confirmed tuberculous pleurisy: Clinical impact of pulmonary involvement

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The manuscript has significantly improved. Nevertheless, there are still some minor points which should be addressed.

1. Could the authors explain what they mean by “sputum collection by suction”

2. I still think that the statement “the gold standard for the diagnosis of TP is mycobacterial culture of PE and respiratory specimens is somewhat controversial (see my comments to the previous manuscript version)

3. Language/spelling errors, e.g. were collect by suction (page 6), had an in-hospital mortality was 36% (page 12), might hasve been (page 14), Tewlve (Table 1).

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.