Reviewer's report

**Title:** Identification of tuberculosis-associated proteins in whole blood supernatant

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**Reviewer:** Robert Wallis

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This revised manuscript addresses one of the issues in the previous submission, in that references to the figure and to the types of specimens are clearer. However, I believe the significance of the clusterin finding in stimulated cultures has not been well addressed. Is this actually a marker of TB or just of a response to antigenic stimulation? At a minimum, the authors should raise this question in the discussion.

**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 have no COIs.