Reviewer’s report

Title: Genetic variation of Mycobacterium tuberculosis circulating in Kharkiv Oblast, Ukraine.

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Reviewer: Emanuele Pontali

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Minor Essential Revisions

These issues are still unsolved:
- Sampling: first paragraph should better clarify modality of enrollment; consecutive observed patients? convenient sample? representative of the patients followed up at that institution over time? referred from where? does this sampling create some limitation to this study?
- Discussion: Paragraph starting with 'A study of M. tuberculosis genotypes...': second sentence: the low increase is in relation to what?
- In reference 1: last author’s name is Raviglione
- new text in page 11, line 15; please replace luck with lack

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

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