Reviewer’s report

Title: Predictors and outcome of patients with acute respiratory distress syndrome caused by miliary tuberculosis retrospective study in Chongqing, China

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Major Compulsory Revisions

The stated objective of the study is to evaluate the clinical characteristics, predictors and outcomes of patients with ARDS caused by miliary TB. The study includes 85 patients with miliary TB and compares various parameters between two groups, “survivors” and non-survivors”. There is no control group (miliary TB patients not developing ARDS) in the study to make assessment of predictor factors for the development of ARDS in patients with miliary TB. In the light of the above, the conclusion, “DM, ALT, AST, D-dimer, hemoglobin, and albumin are independent predictors of ARDS development in patients with miliary TB” is fallacious (these actually represent predictors of mortality).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests'