Reviewer’s report

Title: Clinicopathological profile and surgical treatment of abdominal tuberculosis: a single centre experience in northwestern Tanzania

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Major compulsory revision
1. There is need to show data on the 30 patients who had elective surgery due to failure to respond to therapeutic trial of ant-tuberculous drugs. What were the main findings of these patients after surgery and was there any evidence of TB in these patients?

2. Please provide information on the post operative samples on the use of ZN stain on these samples. What percentage was ZN stain positive on these samples which had granuloma with caseation?

Discretionary Revisions
1. On the history sheet. Any data on some of these patients taking unpasteurized milk?

2. On the abdominal ultrasound done on these patients who had ascites, was there any fibrinous strands seen in ascitic fluid?

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 declare that I have no competing competing interests