Reviewer's report

**Title:** Comparison of Xpert MTB/RIF with ProbeTec ET DTB and COBAS TaqMan MTB for direct detection of M. tuberculosis complex in respiratory specimens

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**Reviewer:** Andrew Christopher Whitelaw

**Reviewer's report:**

The authors have addressed the comments raised, and I have no further comments / suggestions. I would still recommend a read through and revision for language, but the manuscript is certainly understandable in its current format.

**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 interests