Reviewer’s report

Title: Additional Role of Second Washing Specimen Obtained by Flexible Bronchoscopy in Diagnosis of Tuberculosis

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Overall, this article points to an additive diagnostic value of second bronchial washing specimen in diagnosis of pulmonary TB.

Minor essential revisions:
there are some discrepancies between the numbers in Table 1 and 2. example: age range in table 1 (34-68), meanwhile the ranges in table 2 reach between (29-71).

Discretionary Revisions:
Despite that in Table 2 none of the clinical characteristic showed significant statistical correlation with the positivity yield, however, correlation between important clinical data and specimens' results should be better clarified if the data in earlier reports are available, including details and duration of previous anti TB therapy in those who had, extent of radiological abnormalities versus those with no radiological or apparently normal CXR.

limitations of the study including its retrospective nature have to be mentioned.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I have nothing to declare.