Reviewer’s report

Title: Meta-analysis to compare the accuracy of a molecular test with rapid culture and the WHO 2007 algorithm for diagnosis of smear-negative pulmonary tuberculosis

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Reviewer: Barbara Castelnuovo

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this is an interesting article.

Minor revisions:
The authors need to do some small editing (see line 6 on the introduction).
The introduction could be shortened.
The discussion is too long and should be shortened.
The conclusion should be stated more clearly

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

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

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

Declaration of competing interests:

No