Reviewer's report

**Title:** Factors affecting pleural fluid adenosine deaminase level and the implication on the diagnosis of tuberculous pleural effusion: a retrospective cohort study

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**Reviewer:** Oya KAYACAN

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**Major Compulsory Revisions**

This manuscript on the level of ADA in tuberculous pleural effusions provides new information that ADA is negatively correlated to age warranting further and larger scale studies. But before that it should be reviewed by a biostatistition.

**Minor Essential Revisions**

Summary: Not only the mean values but also the SD should appear in the summary.

Numbers appearing at the beginning of the sentences should be written as they are read, such as seventeen, two, three, etc.

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have no competing interest to declare.