Reviewer’s report

Title: Molecular detection and characterization of resistant genes in Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex from DNA isolated from tuberculosis patients in the Eastern Cape Province, South Africa.

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Minor essential revisions

The use of English needs to be revised as the lexicon articulation is somewhat poor.

Please address the following;

Line 22; HIV is South Africa would not be referred to as “epidemic” but “endemic” hence, correct accordingly.

Page 3, line 54 – 55; the authors sounded too “alarmist” by using the phrase “and because of its poverty, illiteracy, TB and HIV; it is heading for disaster”

Page 3, lines 60-61: the statement is incomplete “drug resistance arises due to improper use of antibiotics in chemotherapy of drug susceptible” what message are you conveying?

Line 61; “resistance” should be changed to “resistant”

Page 8, lines 200; what does the authors mean by the use of the term coloured race?

Contextually, blacks are referred to as coloured and they have reported on black hence, the appropriate language should be used.

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: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.