Reviewer's report

Title: Recent-Transmission of Mycobacterium tuberculosis (MTB) strains among Iranian and Afghan Treatment failure Cases: Use of IS6110-Fingerprinting

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Mayor Compulsory Revisions

In Methods: The reason why the hierarchic unweighted pair group method analysis clustering algorithm was used when generating the dendograms.

In the Results:
- Given the high dispersion of the age for the Iranian patients, it will be nice to report the median age was for them and for the Afghanis.
- For patients less than 30 years, it is seems not necessary to do a statistical test to compare groups since the difference is very high.
- Table 2 can be confused when comparing what is shown in text.

Discretionary Revisions

It will be nice to do a revision of some spelling and grammar mistakes

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interest.