Reviewer's report

Title: Treatment of isoniazid-resistant pulmonary tuberculosis

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Reviewer: Dick Menzies

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Comments to the authors:
Major compulsory revisions
1. Shortening
Previously I suggested a brief report, and I still recommend the same. Since the authors have not shortened this version of the paper, I suggest that they reduce it to 1500 words total. The major areas for shortening would be the introduction, the results can be much briefer since all key results are in the tables. The discussion could be very substantially shortened.

2. I had asked previously for information on the degree of INH resistance since they defined INH resistance as resistance at 0.2 microgram per ml whereas a more conventional definition is resistance at 1.0 microgram per ml. Please provide this information or an explanation why it is not available.

Minor essential revisions:
I would like more information on the compliance of patients, particularly the three who failed.

Decision:
Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Ratings:
An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English
Acceptable

The manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
I declare that I have no competing interests