Reviewer's report

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Discretionary revisions

Additional comments from the authors regarding the potential impact of BCG on low rates of meningitis would strengthen the paper. There is no specific mention of meningitis, however, given the very low mortality and extrapulmonary cases among those less than 4 years of age, it would appear that the rate is unexpectedly low.

Also, it would be worth discussing the contributors to having children with undiagnosed HIV infection. Again, these appear to be among older children and may be a result of birth at a time of poor coverage of prenatal screening for HIV. Clarification of this would be of assistance.

In abstract the rate of MDR that is reported should reflect the proportion which are submitted for DST.

**What next?:** Accept after discretionary revisions

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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