Reviewer's report

**Title:** Use of a T cell interferon gamma release assay in the investigation for suspected active tuberculosis in a low prevalence area

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**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

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