Reviewer's report

**Title**: Clinico-epidemiological profile and diagnostic procedures of pediatric tuberculosis in a tertiary care hospital of western Nepal- A case-series analysis

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**Reviewer**: Inge Axelsson

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Major compulsory revisions

1. You must comply with the criticism of Dr Gie
2. The manuscript must go through language revision
3. Please consider my suggestions below

Title
Addresses are confusing. There is no number 6. I guess that Dept of community medicine (Manipal) should only have 1, not 1&5.

Abstract
Swelling of what? (Also on page 6.)
Mantoux (not Montoux) (also on several other places).

Background
2 billion (not 2 million)

Methods

Results
Shorten the text. The figures in the tables should not be repeated in the text.

Page 6: Out of 75 (not “Out 75”).
How is positive Mantoux defined? I.e., the size of the induration.

Page 7: 38+88 is not 138 and 27.5%+54.3%+22.2% is not 100%. Please, correct this!
Define “accelerated BCG response”.
The data on AFB in table 3 and on page 7 are incompatible. If the data in Table 3 are correct, then delete the figures in the text.

Page 8: “…special investigations like ultrasound…” why do you not include this in Table 3 under “extra-pulmonary”, “others”? 
Discussion

p. 9, 2nd sentence: write “On the contrary, in high burden…”

line 7: write: “In our analysis, …”

p. 11: please improve the English of the paper, especially of this page.

**Level of interest**: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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'