Reviewer's report

Title: Tuberculosis Lymphadenitis Diagnosis in children Using Fine Needle Aspiration in Bangui

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Reviewer: David Alexander

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The current manuscripts describes the utility of fine needle aspirates in the diagnosis of tuberculosis lymphadenitis. The revised manuscript adequately addresses concerns raised during the initial review.

Minor Essential Revisions
line 167: correct truncated words and typos in sentence
line 166: 'lest costy', change to 'less costly'

Discretionary Revisions
line 110-11: ‘Among the 12 AFB positive samples with negative LJ culture, 83.3% corresponded to treated patients'
What is a 'treated' patient? Antimicrobial therapy initiated before the needle aspirate was performed? Or, had some patients actually received a full course of drugs and were not responding/relapsing?
Similarly, did any of the cases with mono-resistant or MDR-TB have a history of prior treatment?

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