Reviewer's report

Title: High Prevalence of Pulmonary Tuberculosis in Children Admitted with Severe Pneumonia in Uganda

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The objective cannot be to establish the prevalence of TB, a priori, the cases of TB in treatment were excluded. One suggestion would be to use "ratio of diagnosis made for pulmonary TB," rather than prevalence.

2. It would be interesting to discuss whether there was any bias due to cases excluded for being in TB treatment (17) or not having achieved a sputum sample (19) and from the 15 lost ones.

3. Table 1 - It would be important to put the absolute number of children in each age group.

4. Table 1 - I think it would be interesting to calculate the percentages of the features shown, according to the total number of children in each age group.

5. Missing the summary.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. In the first paragraph, the data is reported as being from 2010, but the reference cited is from 2006.

2. It would be interesting to put the reference for "WHO / STOP TB strategy".

3. Figure 1 - The 58 cases were excluded from the 343 children aged 2 to 144 months and not the 1432 children with pneumonia, therefore, the arrow is in the wrong place.

4. Table 1 - The second column refers to children aged 1 to 5 years (and not from 1 to 4 years).

5. In the second paragraph of Results, there are 51 children (instead of 54), with pulmonary TB.
6. Note the reference years for numbers: 13, 14 and 16.

7. Start the title of the Table 3 in capital letters.

Discretionary Revisions

1. As a suggestion, include a list of abbreviations used in the text.

**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.