Reviewer's report

Title: Factors associated with excessively lengthy treatment of tuberculosis in the eastern Paris region of France in 2004.

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- Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Discussion, page 9, 3rd paragraph, 1st and 2nd sentence: The reference 10 used here still refers to the treatment of latent TB infection. This is inappropriate when the authors are discussing the consequences of excessively lengthy treatment of active TB disease, including in the 2nd sentence the risk of selecting resistant strains which is not a real issue with treatment of LTBI. The authors need to change reference 10 to a more appropriate one which relates more to the issue discussed in the paper.

2. Discussion, page 10, 1st paragraph, 3rd and 4th sentences: the meaning of these two sentences are not clear. The authors need to rewrite these 2 sentences so that their meaning is clearer to the reader.

- Minor Essential Revisions

1. Figure 1, page 17: Amend "121 patients with a too short treatment duration" to "121 patients with too short a treatment duration".

- Discretionary Revisions

1. Introduction, page 4, paragraph 1, 3rd sentence: Consider amending "auto-questionnaire" to "self-questionnaire" for clarity.

2. Methods, page 5, 2nd paragraph, 2nd sentence: Consider amending "...that treatment duration of extrapulmonary TB should..." to "...that treatment duration of minor forms extrapulmonary TB should..."

3. Methods, page 5, 2nd paragraph, 3rd sentence: Consider amending "isoniazide" to "isoniazid" in this sentence and whenever used throughout the whole paper.

4. Methods, page 6, 3rd paragraph, 2nd sentence: Consider amending "... (eg homelessness, migrant shelter, hostel)." to "... (eg homelessness, living in a migrant shelter, or living in a hostel)."

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Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being
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**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'