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Title: The role of entry screening in case finding of tuberculosis among asylum seekers in Norway

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The paper from I. Harstad et al. "The role of entry screening in case finding of tuberculosis among asylum seekers in Norway" is interesting and well written.

I have some Minor Essential Revisions:

- In the paragraph “Cases of tuberculosis” (page 9) there are some mistakes: "Nine patients were diagnosed later than one year after arrival (Table 2)" are eight.
  "Twenty one cases had M. tuberculosis confirmed by culture,…” are twenty two.
  “…five had unknown bacteriology.” Are four.

- In the paragraph “The yield of screening” (page 10): “There were twelve cases of pulmonary and two with extra-pulmonary TB.” I will add “, and one unknown localisation”.

- In the Discussion (page 13): the sentence “We do not know how many of the study group that left Norway during the study period either.” must be corrected.

- Norwegian guideline recommendations for treating LTBI should be reported.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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 have no competing interest