Reviewer’s report

Title: Epidemiology of Anti-tuberculosis Drug Resistance in a Chinese Population: Current Situation and Challenges Ahead

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In their revised manuscript entitled "Epidemiology of Anti-tuberculosis Drug Resistance in a Chinese Population: Current Situation and Challenges Ahead", Shao et al. investigated the epidemiology of first-line anti-TB drugs resistance among sputum smear positive pulmonary TB patients from the Jiangsu Province, China.

I found authors' responses to my previous comments satisfactory and I would like to congratulate them for their effort.

I propose that this study should be accepted for publication after a discretionary revision regarding the role of migration in the transmission of MDR-TB. In my opinion, a short comment similar to the one included in the authors' response letter (3.g.), should be added.

Finally, I would like to thank the journal's editors for the opportunity to peer-review this manuscript.

Best regards,

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

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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.