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Title: Factors Associated with Default from Treatment among Tuberculosis Patients in Nairobi Province, Kenya: A Case Control Study

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Ethical Consideration

The study did not involve any experimental procedures on patients. Sputum tests results were obtained from treatment registers. However, research and ethical clearance to conduct the study was obtained from Kenyatta University and research permit from the Kenya Ministry of Science and Technology (REF: MOST 13/001/37C795/2 of 29th, November 2007).

Informed consent

TB is strongly associated with HIV/AIDS leading to stigmatization and is difficult to discuss in public. Informed consent was obtained from patients and were assured of confidentiality and anonymity. Patients’ names and residential addresses were collected for the purpose of follow-up only and no person-identifiers would be used for publication.