Reviewer's report

Title: The timing of death in patients with tuberculosis who die during anti-tuberculosis treatment in Andhra Pradesh, South India

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Reviewer: Nico Nagelkerke

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Major compulsory revisions
None

Minor Essential Revisions
The number of deaths attributable to TB is a bit confusing. After mentioning a case fatality rate of 4-5%, 280,000 out of 2 million (14%) are stated to die from TB annually. Please add a sentence explaining the difference.

Discretionary revisions
The statistical analysis while not incorrect is a bit coarse. Would it be possible to do a formal survival analysis?

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests