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Title: Tuberculosis Contact Tracing: effectiveness of community health workers in a city with massive recent immigration

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Dear Natalie,

in relation to your application:

Demographic and clinical data were obtained from the epidemiological questionnaire used by TB Prevention and Control Program (TBPCP). TB is a mandatory notification disease and community health workers and public health nurses need to know the name of the patients in order to make the interviews. The data was treated and analysed anonymously. The analysis was carried out retrospectively and involved data collected on a routine basis within the National Tuberculosis Program approved by the Spanish Ministry of Health. Therefore, no ethical approval nor informed consent was required. All data were treated in a strictly confidential manner following the ethical principles of the Helsinki Declaration of 1964 revised by the World Medical Organization in Edinburgh, 2000 and the Organic Law 15/1999 of Data Protection in Spain.

Declaración de Hèlsinki de la Asociación Médica Mundial:


Ley Orgánica española de protección de datos 15/1999:

thank you very much, I look forward to your comments

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