Reviewer's report

Title: Risk factors for pulmonary tuberculosis in Croatia: a matched case-control study

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I think that this manuscript would benefit from some minor revisions.

1. The standard of English used is generally good, but there are some grammatical errors (I am not expert, of course!).

2. Abstract: The authors might want to make clear what (individual or groups of) variables are not associated with TB in this dataset.

3. Introduction. This study appears to be the first to look prospectively at risk factors associated with TB in Croatia. Have there been any other studies in Eastern Europe and/or the Former Soviet Union?

4. Methods. It would be of interest to this reader to see how the follow-up of the controls during two months period was organized?

5. Discussion. Is there any data of prevalence of LTBI in the general population in Croatia?

6. Table 1. What do missing values mean in Table 1?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.