Reviewer's report

Title: Predicting Smear Negative Pulmonary Tuberculosis with Classification Trees and Logistic Regression: a cross-sectional study

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Reviewer: Juan Wisnivesky

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The authors should however, modify the abstract that still contains an statement regarding predictive values (now removed from the text).

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests