Reviewer's report

Title: Timing of therapy for latent tuberculosis infection among immigrants presenting to a U.S. public health clinic: a retrospective study

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Reviewer: Jonathan Crofts

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In general the findings about source of referral in relation to length of US residence are indeed not very surprising. Although this gives the most powerful association the more interesting results are to do with gender and region of origin.

I am satisfied with the revisions of the manuscript and have only a few minor points:

Accept after discretionary revisions:

Results: end of 4th paragraph 'Gender and age were not independently associated to source of referral' I think this needs a little more clarification/elaboration. I am not sure what you mean by independently: what kind of analysis was this Chi squared with stratification? If the results are not shown for this then you need to state this (or give the results).

Table 1 (in the main text) labelling of asterix appears wrong (though this is correct for the table in isolation)

Table 2 I suggest mention of the word multi-variable analysis in the title

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that i have no competing interests