Reviewer's report

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Minor essential revisions:
1) The authors should state in the methods that a Crohnbach’s alpha was used to assess correlation between groups of questions in the 20-question survey, and give an exact value of this statistic in the results.

2) The authors state that univariate analysis is not shown because the majority of covariates were not significant in multivariate analysis due to confounding. It still can be helpful to see which covariates are significant on univariate analysis and we still recommend that this be included in the paper.

3) Standard statistical practice is to use medians/interquartile ranges to describe distributions when nonparametric tests are used to compare these distributions, as the mean/standard deviation are usually not good reflections of the "average" and "spread" for grossly non-normal distributions (e.g. see BMJ 309: 996). The authors should therefore report the TB knowledge/suspicion scores as medians/interquartile ranges.

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I declare that I have no competing interests