Reviewer's report

Title: Curvilinear pattern of pulmonary tuberculosis among migrant workers entering Kuwait: 1997-2006

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My comments:
Reduce the background section.
Results: 1st. line: don't repeat the period study.
Could you present the specific rate by origin country?
Discussion: 1st. paragraph: too long. Explain what happens with a TB case: is the patient admitted to the country? is the patient treated? Compare with other countries.
The increase in the prevalence in the last years: can be explained by a change in the origin country of the immigrants?
References: few papers from 2007-08.
Fig. 3 can be avoided.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.