Reviewer's report

Title: Silent tuberculosis disease among HIV patients attending care and treatment in rural northern Tanzania.

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I. Major compulsory revisions: none
II. Minor essential revisions: please provide information on the following:
   1. Methods: how many patients were able to produce sputum and in how many was induction of sputum required?
   2. Results:
      - "About two thirds" of patients had CD4 > 300: give exact numbers
      - "Significantly more" TB/HIV co-infected patients were malnourished: give the numbers of cases in each group
   3. Discussion: Regarding Ref. 27 the authors state that the study was done 10 years ago. This is not true, to be corrected.
   4. Spelling mistakes / wording: mean age was (not were). The 4th sentence of the results ( "Twenty ......five ywears")is very lengthy and complex. Shorten and simplify it.

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.