Reviewer's report

Title: Sputum microscopy for the diagnosis of HIV-associated pulmonary tuberculosis in Tanzania

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Reviewer: Shriprakash Kalantri

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The revised version looks OK. The authors have incorporated likelihood ratios and confidence intervals in the body of the manuscript and have added a table that describes the diagnostic properties of sputum microscopy.

What next?: Accept without revision

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.