Reviewer’s report

Title: Pulmonary Tuberculosis among Women Attending Clinics for Family Planning and Maternal and Child Health in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

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The authors have addressed most points raised in my review of their paper. They now provide a clear objective and the results and conclusion are related to the objective.

However, the title suggest that the authors study Pulmonary Tuberculosis among Women Attending Clinics for Family Planning and Maternal and Child Health. This is not what they study! They only study women who cough and not all women. They study would be more usefull if the add information to the results section about how many women were screened, how many of those that were screened had cough and how many of those that were screened had smear positive TB. If this information is added the title would be accurate.

The remark about the sample size calculation has not yet been appropriately addressed. The authors provide some of the assumptions used for the sample size calculation. However, for the reader to be able to repeat the calculation they should also provide the margin of error and the confidence interval used.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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