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the authors have followed all the recommendations given in Dr. Ekkehardt's report. However, the failure of the totals to add up to 749 in Table 1, now well explained in the covering letter (but not in the manuscript) expose a limitation that should be discussed together with the other limitations. Dr. Ekkehardt's comment about a missing control group is not clear to me, and is not discussed by the authors.

There are two more points I would like to make - not mentioned by Dr. Ekkehardt:

1. Smear negative is labeled as non TB in this study, but I can not see that the other examinations that are applied to exclude TB in patients with TB symptoms but with negative smears are done. This group should thus be labeled "smear negative" only.

2. Since this is a cross sectional study without a control group, it does not give meaning to talk about "risk factors". The authors should you "association" instead and be more careful in their conclusion when lack of significance in testing for an association is based on small numbers.