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To my opinion the authors have responded adequately to the comments from both referees. The paper can thus be accepted. However, there are important shortcomings largely in the original design of the study. Both selection and methodology could be reconsidered to address more fundamental questions that the costs in Euros. But they are right in stating that we have very little information on economical obstacles to TB services in TB low incidence countries. By accepting this paper for publication, we could possibly stimulate the authors to go on along the lines they have started.