Reviewer's report

Title: Treatment outcome of tuberculosis patients at Gondar University Teaching Hospital, Northwest Ethiopia. A five-year retrospective study.

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Reviewer: Bernt Lindtjorn

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The authors have answered the questions I asked.

I have one more question about the low sputum smear positive rate. Only 671 of their 4000 patients have a definite tuberculosis diagnosis. I suggest the authors also question the quality of their laboratory. In my experience laboratories rarely question the quality results of their examinations. Did they do any quality checks? I suggest they also mention that efforts should be made to improve the quality of the laboratories in their discussion.

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 interest