Reviewer's report

**Title:** Incidence rates of tuberculosis in chronic hepatitis C infected patients with or without interferon based therapy: a population-based cohort study in Taiwan

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This is a well-written article

Some comments:

The results section begins with "Baseline characteristics of the study population". This entire first paragraph should instead belong to method section (including Figure 1).

Table 1 should not show both characteristics from the baseline and the results / outcome of TB. The main part of Table 1 also belong to the method section.

Table 4 belongs to literature part in the Background. This does not prevent that the literature are also discussed in the discussion, but without a reference to the table.

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