Reviewer's report

Title: Investigation of the high rates of extrapulmonary tuberculosis in Ethiopia reveals no single driving factor and minimal evidence for zoonotic transmission of Mycobacterium bovis infection

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The authors have provided acceptable answers for many queries but there are some essential revisions to be included.

Minor essential revisions
Methods
1. Please replace volunteer by: “All consecutive and consenting patients with …”
Results
1. Please, you continue to report the results of other authors in results section (lines 317-318).
2. Delete the last sentence of table 3 title or place it in table footnotes.
3. It is not important to include rel% columns in the table 2.
Discussion
1. Please, try to summarize the main findings earlier in the discussion section.
2. The limitation section should come before conclusion and not to be included in conclusion section.
Conclusion
I didn’t see the following sentence (the one you proposed to improve conclusion) in the conclusion section of main manuscript (you added only in abstract): “The study suggests a complex role for multiple interacting factors in the epidemiology of extrapulmonary TB in Ethiopia, including factors that can only be derived from population-based studies, which may prove to be significant for TB control in Ethiopia.”

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 interests