Reviewer's report

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The authors have nicely respond to my comments. I have only one minor comment.

1. Are there any interventions that could possibly improve the treatment outcome in those with persistent smear-positivity? In other words, the authors may try to look at those who were smear non-conversion but finally had a favorable outcome to see what important determinants of outcome are.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.