Reviewer's report

Title: New variant identified in major susceptibility locus to Tuberculosis on chromosomal region 8q12-q13 in Moroccan population: a case control study

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The research is very interesting and the idea is very original. The authors reported for the first time the association between rs1050504, located in NSMAF gene, and PTB risk in Moroccan population. The discussion provided was very interesting to read and well-constructed with evidences. Below are my questions and suggestions for the authors:

1. I would like to know whether there is any previous study that discussed about the association of 3 selected SNPs with TB or other infectious diseases.

2. In study design subsection, it would be nice for the readers if the author could include "HC" in the list of abbreviations.

3. In NSMAF genotyping subsection, how did you categorize the impaired samples?

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