Dear Editor,

Thank you reviewing our manuscript entitled “Recurrent tuberculosis in Finland 1995-2013: a clinical and epidemiological cohort study”. Enclosed are our replies to the comments of the second editor. We hope that, after the revisions made in the manuscript, you will find it acceptable for publication.

Best regards,

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There are a couple of minor revisions that I am requesting as the section editor before my recommendation of approval:

1) Background (pg 3, line 19): please change the tense, ... up to 77% is caused.... to .... up to 77% are caused...

Response: The tense has been changed according to the suggestion of the second editor.
2) Background (pg 3; line 44): add a hyphen to population-based

Response: A hyphen has been added.

3) Methods (pg 4; line 51): please add a reference as to what clinical criteria you are referring to.

Response: A reference has been added.

4) Statistical Analyses (pg 5; line 40) add a comma after, The regression model employed, ....

Response: A comma has been added.

5) Statistical Analyses (pg 5; line 42) Please add (City, State, Country) when referring to software

Response: The requested issues have been added.

6) Results (pg 6; line 60) please use a noun to replace the pronoun "it", I believe you are talking about overall incidence but I am not sure.

Response: “It” has been replaced by overall incidence.

7) Results (pg 7; line 2) clarify two had three (disease episodes) and 48 cases (had) two ...

Response: The sentence has been changed according to the suggestion of the second editor.

8) Results (pg 7; line 9) define how much is a "large proportion"

Response: "Large proportion” has been replaced by an exact proportion (64%).

9) Results (pg 8; line 8, Table 2) The reads need to be clear as to what the standard treatment regimens are that you are referring too. Please define in a footnote and reference.

Response: The standard regimens have been defined in footnotes and references have been added to Table 2 (these references also exist in the materials section, page 5, line 3-4). The Table in supplementary materials has been removed, because its content is now in the footnotes of Table 2.
10) Discussion (pg 11, line 60) What is the proportion you are referring too when you say, "A proportion of our recurrent cases... What is the proportion?"

Response: The proportion has been added to the text (almost one third).