Reviewer’s report

Title: Bacteriologically confirmed extra pulmonary tuberculosis and treatment outcome of patients consulted and treated under program conditions in the littoral region of Cameroon

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This is a cross sectional and important study that addresses a topic that has not been well documented in Cameroon and many other TB programmes in the region. Extra pulmonary TB is usually reported without confirmation in most TB programmes and therefore estimating the actual prevalence of EPTB has been challenging. This article adds to the body of scientific and programmatic knowledge with respect to TB.

I have some few comments concerning the article that I feel can help to improve the manuscript.

General: The article is well written, however, there are a number of typographical errors that the authors need to address.

Introduction

In paragraph 4 and line 23-24, the authors indicate that there were no national guidelines on EPTB diagnosis and management. How were patients diagnosed? What guidelines were being followed? Did WHO guidelines exist? If so were they applied?

Methods

The authors should provide some details about the study population (TB Burden/ HIV burden/ diagnostic and treatment facilities…etc.) and justification as to why the Littoral region was chosen for the study.

Results

How was the therapeutic success rate determined? Was it evaluated as in routine programmatic settings or was this done differently considering that in this case EPTB confirmation was done?

Discussion
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