Reviewer’s report

Title: A comparison of liquid and solid culture for determining relapse and durable cure in phase III TB trials for new regimens

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The authors are experienced and thoughtful researchers trying to address important questions about the use of MGIT in phase 3 clinical trial outcomes. I appreciate their effort. While the study results are useful, the lack of genotyping to address important questions about MGIT positive isolates is disappointing and limits the interpretation of the data. It is a weakness that could be addressed prior to publication. Otherwise it is unlikely that important questions will be answered. In my opinion, this would be unfortunate.

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