

Reviewer's Comment:

The authors wanted to study the clinical manifestation of TB in HIV infected and uninfected individuals. In my opinion the study design itself is faulty, it does not allow them to classify the population into HIV infected and uninfected and then look for TB symptoms and signs. This is a serious flaw.

Additionally, the authors have just described the findings which are well known. They have failed to provide any novel findings or insights as to how their findings will change management of the cases or guide program managers or policy changes.

Author's Feedback:

The topic of the study has been slightly modified. A cross-sectional descriptive study was performed on the newly diagnosed TB patients (among TB suspects) in which signs and symptoms were assessed by anamnesis and physical examination. Immunological profiles of the subjects have been analysed and linked to symptoms and signs. Knowing CD4 count among these newly diagnosed patients and calculating Odds ratio (OR) will assist in knowing the level of immunosuppression and hence guide ARVS initiation. Findings on immunological markers on TB, TB-HIV coinfection and normal subjects (Control) have also been indicated for comparison so to assist in the management and hence guide health managers. ALL CORRECTIONS HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTED BY YELLOW COLOUR.