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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Excellent study that yields important public health information. However, there is limited power to comment on environmental variables, toilet facilities, literacy levels, and room occupancy A power analysis should be provided for this multiple subgroup comparison, or a statement is needed to describe this study limitation. In addition the authors should explain the need to include with the calculated poverty index as well as the environmental subgroups. As poverty is generally considered a risk factor to TB infection, this index adds little to the author's findings.	Thanks We could not address this point properly, so we have included a statement on this in the discussion as a limitation Right This point has been addressed in the discussion section
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The author's finding that polygamy as well as institutional early childhood education are risks for TB infection is an important addition to the infectious disease literature.	Thank you.