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Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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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	The authors present an interesting study. The methods of the study are robust, however they do not mention anything about latent Tuberculosis - where even though the patients do not have active TB but will have TST positive. Given that it is a highly endemic area, if TST is used as a fast and accessible screening test, there is a high probability of detecting latent TB patients. The authors must mention the implications of this fact in the discussion.	Added Latent TB would correspond to induration less than 10mm representing 13% of the TST positive.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Authors need to clarify the methods if there were any other exclusion criteria. They mention -"both experts agreed that TST was negative". Thus would like them to clarify how many people read each TST as there are many inter and intra observer variations.	Corrected No other criteria was taken in account but known HIV cases that were in exclude cases
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		