



SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJTDH_32636
Title of the Manuscript:	Spectrum of childhood tuberculosis: Ensuring and Making a Differential Diagnosis by Tuberculin Skin Test and Clinical Signs in Kisangani, DR Congo
Type of Article:	Original Research Article

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
In a lot of countries, TST is not used to diagnose TB. It is usually used to diagnose latent TB. Here are the CDC guidelines - https://www.cdc.gov/tb/topic/testing/ or even https://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/factsheets/testing/skintesting.htm . The authors still need to clarify and reference the rationale for using TST and 10 mm as the cut off for this study. They mention "A diameter ≥ 10 was considered as active TB while between 5 and 10 was taken roughly as latent form. But both were treated." Also what were the treatments for Latent TB and Active TB that they followed.	

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