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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (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)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p>The study design fits perfectly with a retrospective cohort; author should consider revising this under the methodology.</p> <p>The introduction is rather too long. Author should consider separating text into clear paragraphs and unpack into three sections: Global burden of TB, Regional Epidemiology of TB</p> <p>Include a literature review establishing the current evidence in this subject area and the gaps in knowledge that the study seeks to address.</p> <p>Limiting the result findings to only variables/factors that showed statistical significance reduces the richness of the study.</p> <p>The discussion should be enriched by discussing all factors investigated in light of existing evidence in literature; including factors that were not statistically significant in this study.</p> <p>Kindly include more current references</p>	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	<p>All abbreviations should be included in the list e.g. current list does not include, PMTCT, BAAR etc.</p> <p>Consent and Ethical Approval should state whether patients needed to provide consent and if not, perhaps because this study utilized secondary data and patients' consent was not required. Also, the procedure for maintaining patients' confidentiality should be described in details.</p> <p>The conclusion can be further unpacked into conclusion and implications for professional practice.</p>	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	<p>Overall, this is a very good paper but still requires a lot of work. This paper has the potential to impact positively on TB programming.</p>	

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<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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