



SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	British Journal of Medicine and Medical Research
Manuscript Number:	2013_BJMMR_7832
Title of the Manuscript:	Utilization of QuantiFERON-TB Gold In-Tube for TB Diagnosis with Reference to other Immunological Tests of Iraqi Patients

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
<p>The paper was improved by the authors who should be commended for their work. However, in the abstract section (methodology) the authors claim that patients were examined for the presence of Tb with diagnostic and radiologic tests which aren't addressed in the paper (PCR, AFB, erythrocyte sedimentation rate and chest X-ray). Given the importance of such tests in diagnosing active Tb, I suggest this part should be also included in the materials and methods section in the paper; moreover, of the forty patients suspected for tuberculosis, how many were diagnosed with active Tb? How many had latent Tb? Who was excluded from the study given that total number of patients in the tables is n=30 (29+1). Please state clearly in the results section. The first line of the results section appears incorrect: when referring to "the highest positive of all tests" they show report data present in Table 1 which show the distribution of Quantiferon Tb positivity alone. Please correct. Also correct age range in table 1: 7-30 while in text the younger age group is 1-30.</p>	<p>The suggested corrections were done. PCR, AFB, erythrocyte sedimentation rate and chest X-ray were included as the reviewer suggested. Active and latent tb were made clear as shown in yellow colour on the text. The exclusion was made in the result chapter as suggested by the the reviewer,see the yellow colour on the result chapter. The first line of result was modified as suggested,see the text please. 1:7-30 corrected to 7:30,see the text please. I think all reviewer queries were answered.</p>