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Type of the Article	

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	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer,
	Reviewer's comment	correct the manuscript and highlight that part in
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<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments		
	The study is interesting and brings new data	
	approaching the evaluation of latent TB patients but	
	needs a serious major review.	
	Abstract: The abstract contains data for sex and age of	
	patients and control that are not present in the	
	methodology (lines 18 and 19).	
	The authors should not show results before the	
	methodolody such as in lines 20, 21 and 22. These data	
	should appear after.	
	QuantiFERON-TB Gold In-Tube assay acronym should	
	appear at line 23, right after the expression in	
	parenthesis, and not only at line 24.	
	The conclusion of the abstract is not the same as in the	
	text.	
	Material and methods:	
	It is not clear how the study group was enrolled. The	
	patients and the healthy controls presented themselves	
	at the Clinic? If the controls were healthy why they were	
	investigate for TB?	
	The authors don't explain if there was a clarifying	
	explanation of the study to the patients and controls and	
	why they did not sign a written consent.	
	The authors do not describe the study group for sex and	
	age. This information is present only at the abstract.	
	Results:	
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	Shouldn't the analysis of the data between the QFT-GIT	
	and OnSite TB rapid test be a correlation instead of a	
	relation? The same comment is valid for the analysis of	

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blood grouping (ABO) and rhesus typing QFT-GIT and for the analysis of TST and QFT-GIT in extra-pulmonary TB patients.

In Table 2 the authors refer that there was a highly significant result. Why this data is not shown at the results?

The authors describe that there was a significant results for the analysis of blood grouping (ABO) and rhesus typing QFT-GIT. Between which groups?

Discussion:

Why do the authors conclude that Tb affects younger individuals? Where is this data in the results? (line 340) The authors should not repeat the results in the discussion (lines 348-356). They should compare and discuss further their results with those from other authors.

The authors should review the text at lines 408 – 418. It is confused.

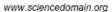
Why is the conclusion from the abstract different from the text? The conclusion in the abstract reflects more the data from the study than the conclusion from the text. It seems that the conclusion from the text only repeats facts that are already known from the comparison of TST and QFT-GIT and the conclusion from the abstract is more relevant.

Tables:

All tables should be self-explanatory. The authors should add the meaning of all acronyms such as +ve and -ve. It is not clear in the tables which results are significant. The authors should indicate which correlations were significant.

General comment:

The acronyms in the text should be reviewed. Some are not placed after the whole name and in other phrases the whole name is written again. If the acronym was cited





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Minor REVISION comments	The text should be reviewed for the written English.	
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