

Supplementary Table 1. Scale for Quality Assessment

	Criteria	Score
1. Representativeness of cases		
	Consecutively/randomly selected from case population with clearly defined sampling frame	2
	Consecutively/randomly selected from case population without clearly defined sampling frame or with extensive inclusion/exclusion criteria	1
	Not described	0
2. Source of controls		
	Population-based or blood donors	2
	Hospital-based	1
	Not described	0
3. Diagnosis of tuberculosis cases		
	Clinical and radiological diagnosis with the confirmation of sputum microscopy and culture	2
	Clinical and radiological diagnosis without the confirmation of sputum microscopy and culture	1
	Not described	0
4. Confirmation of controls		
	Controls were tested to eliminate tuberculosis	2
	Controls were subjects who did not report tuberculosis; no objective testing	1
	Not described	0
5. Test for Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium		
	Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium in control group	2
	Hardy-Weinberg disequilibrium in control group	1
	Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium not checked	0
6. Ascertainment of genotyping examination		
	Genotyping done under "blind" conditions	1
	Not blinded or not mentioned	0
7. Association assessment		
	Assess association between genotypes and tuberculosis with appropriate statistics and adjustment for confounders	2
	Assess association between genotypes and tuberculosis with appropriate statistics without adjustment for confounders	1
	Inappropriate statistics used	0
8. Inclusion-exclusion criteria		
	Described in cases and controls	2
	Only have inclusion criteria in case/control, exclusion not described	1
	Not mentioned	0
9. Total sample size		
	≥500	2
	>200 but <500	1
	≤200	0