**Table S1. Tuberculous meningitis diagnostic criteria**

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|  |  | Diagnostic score |
| **Clinical criteria** | (Maximum category score=6) |
|  | Symptom duration of more than 5 days | 4 |
|  | Systemic symptoms suggestive of tuberculosis (one or more of the following): weight loss (or poor weight gain in children)<comma> night sweats<comma> or persistent cough for more than 2 weeks | 2 |
|  | History of recent (within past year) close contact with an individual with pulmonary tuberculosis or a positive TST or IGRA (only in children <10 years of age) | 2 |
|  | Focal neurological deficit (excluding cranial nerve palsies) | 1 |
|  | Cranial nerve palsy | 1 |
|  | Altered consciousness | 1 |
| **CSF criteria** | (Maximum category score=4) |
|  | Clear appearance | 1 |
|  | Cells: 10-500 per μl | 1 |
|  | Lymphocytic predominance (>50%) | 1 |
|  | Protein concentration greater than 1 g/L | 1 |
|  | CSF to plasma glucose ratio of less than 50% or an absolute CSF glucose concentration less than 2.2mmol/L | 1 |
| **Cerebral imaging criteria** | (Maximum category score=6) |
|  | Hydrocephalus | 1 |
|  | Basal meningeal enhancement | 2 |
|  | Tuberculoma | 2 |
|  | Infarct | 1 |
|  | Pre-contrast basal hyperdensity | 2 |
| **Evidence of tuberculosis elsewhere** | (Maximum category score=4) |
|  | Chest radiograph suggestive of active tuberculosis: signs of tuberculosis=2; miliary tuberculosis=4 | 2 or 4 |
|  | CT/ MRI/ ultrasound evidence for tuberculosis outside the CNS | 2 |
|  | AFB identified or *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* cultured from another source-ie, sputum, lumph node, gastric washing, urine, blood culture | 4 |
|  | Positive commercial M tuberculosis NAAT from extra-neural specimen | 4 |
| **Diagnostic criteria based on total score:**Possible TBM: score 6-9 (if no brain imaging) or 6-11 (if brain imaging)Probable TBM: score >9 (if no brain imaging) or >11 (if brain imaging)Definite TBM: acid-fast bacilli seen in CSF or *M. tuberculosis* cultured or detected by commercial nucleic acid amplification test in CSF |