Reviewer’s report

Title: Framework of Behavioral Indicators for Outcome Evaluation of TB Health Promotion: A Delphi study of TB Suspects and TB Patients

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Overall, this is an interesting, well-written and timely paper which fills an important gap of lack appropriate indicators for monitoring and evaluating health promotion interventions related to TB control.

I have the following comments:

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. As you know, health promotion interventions targeting disease prevention, treatment and control go beyond addressing patient factors. In your study, indicators for sociocultural, economical and environmental factors that influence health care seeking among TB suspects and patients are not adequately addressed. How do you comment on these issues?

2. You have more than three pages of introduction section which I think is long. I suggest that you shorten this section so that the reader will have more time to read your results and discussions.

3. You said that the study participants were policy makers and senior level field professionals. I was wondering why physicians directly involved in TB diagnosis and treatment, and nurses were not considered as participants of this study. Do you think this may affect your results?

4. Some of the indicators seem difficult to measure, for example, it is not clear how you can measure “improved nutrition”. Could there be any way to considered if “patients weight” can be used as an indicator for improved nutrition?

5. As described on Table 5, many of the data for the indicators are to be collected using patient surveys. However, patient interviews about previous experiences of their illness and health actions may be subject to a recall bias, and this is not addressed as an important limitation in your discussion.

6. There are a number of typographical errors here and there in the manuscript and should be corrected.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being
published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.