Reviewer’s report

Title: Treatment outcomes from community-based drug resistant tuberculosis treatment programs: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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This is an important article in the field - it is a systematic review of community based treatments of MDR and XDR TB. This has not been performed previously despite being a critical public health topic in the world today.

The methods are straight forward.
The analysis is straightforward.

The article is well written and requires no significant editing.
I would recommend acceptance without any significant editing.

My only comment is to clarify the following line in the abstract:
Line 3 – clarify the definition of XDR “resistant to at least two or four of “

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.