Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessing the impact of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis in children: An exploratory qualitative study

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I do not believe any major or minor revisions are required. This manuscript is longer than a typical quantitative data report, but I felt that the themes presented were all unique and well described such that it was difficult to identify ways to shorten the manuscript without removing important content.

The manuscript has highlighted several important themes which are very important to consider within the context of TB treatment programs. TB is a major public health concern and strengthening of systems to promote adherence to therapy is crucial. Making regimens more palatable, recognizing academic challenges related to prolonged hospitalization, and identifying families at risk for internal strife in the setting of treatment related stress all are key issues highlighted herein that can be addressed to a certain extent scientifically and programmatically.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.