Reviewer's report

Title: Treating cutaneous leishmaniasis patients in Kabul, Afghanistan: cost-effectiveness of an operational program in a complex emergency setting.

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Reviewer: Charles King

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

None.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The revised manuscript by Reithinger and Coleman is improved, but let me suggest the following minor revisions to improve its impact:

1. page 7, the word ‘data’ is plural (singular = datum), and so should take the 3rd-person plural verb form ‘were’ instead of ‘was’.
2. page 12, the word ‘high-lightening’ should be ‘highlighting’.
3. page 21, the choice of the triangular distribution for modeling is still not justified—why not use a normal distribution or a gamma distribution?
4. Figure 2 is mislabeled as Figure 1. The title should be something like ‘Tornado diagram of the impact of variation of model input parameters on cost-effectiveness estimates for treatment of cutaneous leishmaniasis’. Given our tendency to read left-to-right, and to match the left-right orientation of the bars in the tornado diagram, I would invert the ranges listed for the first 4 parameters, i.e.:
   Disability Weight (0.1 to 0.01)
   Lesion Duration (4 to 2 years)
   Drug Compliance (100% to 60%)
   Drug Efficacy (100% to 60%)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests