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Title: Childhood Tuberculosis and its treatment outcome in Ethiopia: a 5-years retrospective study

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Cover letter

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Re: Submission of a manuscript entitled: Childhood Tuberculosis and its treatment outcome in Ethiopia: a 5-years retrospective study

With the knowledge that BMC Pediatrics is a peer-reviewed, Open Access Journal with a rapid review and short publication time span focusing on a wide range of public health issues of children, we are happy to submit our manuscript to your Journal for your consideration.

Tuberculosis (TB) is one of the leading causes of childhood morbidity and mortality especially in the 22 TB high-burden countries. However, much emphasis is given to adult TB patients especially those with smear positive pulmonary TB since this group represents a key source of continued transmission. Assessing childhood TB and its treatment outcome is of paramount important to guide TB control programmes towards better management of children with TB. Therefore, we investigated the treatment outcomes of childhood TB in 23 health facilities over 5 consecutive years.

We strongly believe that publication of this manuscript in BMC pediatrics would provide important information to those interested in the treatment outcomes of TB among children in a TB high-burden setting and therefore, we kindly ask the editorial office to consider our manuscript for publication. We would like to confirm that this manuscript has not been published or is submitted to another journal at this time. We look forward for your response.

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