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Dear Editor,

We thank the reviewers for reviewing our manuscript critically. We have addressed the comments given by the reviewers. Besides, a point-by-point response to each comment has been provided (in blue) in this cover letter. We hope we have addressed the concerns raised by reviewers. Besides, the manuscript was edited for language errors.

**Reviewer:** Daniel Datiko

General comments
The MS has improved based the on the comments given. There are some overriding issues to be considered.

Introduction
Paragraph 1, suggested to use the 2012 reference for the update.
  Corrected as suggested
Paragraph 3, the second sentence should be omitted and in the 4th sentence two studies, two should be omitted.
  Corrected as suggested

Methods
Study area should come before management of childhood TB in the study area. Change the management of childhood TB to TB diagnosis and treatment in children, and add some more notes on the diagnostic work up it availability and adherence of clinicians to it.
  Corrected as suggested

Discussion
I would love the team to cautiously explain the outcome for defaulters, transfer outs and deaths. The death estimate could be higher than reported as the transfer out and defaulters could die as we do not have the complete information.
  Corrected as suggested

Table 3: add one column of poorly treated as a comparator otherwise for what you are doing AOR.
  Corrected as suggested.

I would suggest omitting p-value if you use AOR it only adds to redundancies.
p-value removed as suggested

Figure 1: it would be very simple and understandable if you use simple bar graph.

But this is already a simple bar graph

Figure 2: it would be good to make good argument if you could determine the trend $x^2$ and p-value to see if there are changes over time as the country has worked on expanding facilities and health manpower and if it has any impact on the trend or if alternative solution could be sought.

Although there is a reduction in poor outcomes over the 5 years, the reduction is not statistically different (p for trend was 0.17) (discussion section, paragraph 5, third sentence)

The English needs revision

The manuscript has been edited to improved