Reviewer's report

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

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

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

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.

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.
Table 3: add one column of poorly treated as a comparator otherwise for what you are doing AOR.
I would suggest omitting p-value if you use AOR it only adds to redundancies.
Figure 1: it would be very simple and understandable if you use simple bar graph.
Figure 2: it would be good to make good argument if you could determine the trend x2 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.

The English needs revision