Reviewer’s report

Title: Management of pulmonary tuberculosis patients in an urban setting in Zambia: a patient's perspective

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Major compulsory revisions:
1. Did the authors include both new and previously treated smear positive TB cases registered in Laboratory registers in the 26 health centers? The abstract says the authors made interviews to “previously treated sputum positive sputum-smear positive pulmonary TB subjects”, which did not clarify their TB types. The authors are requested to clarify whether they included both of the TB types, i.e., new and previously treated TB cases, or they included only new cases in the Sampling and Sample size part as well as in the method part of the abstract.

Minor revisions:
1. There are still not-fully worded and abbreviated words exist. The abbreviated words should be worded fully when they appear first time in the text and in the affiliations. For example, “LCID/NIAID” in the affiliation part on the 1st page, “TDRC” on the 1st line under Ethical consideration part on page 10, “NDHMT” (not as “Ndola DHMT”) on the 1st line under Conclusion part on page 17.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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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.