Reviewer's report

Title: TB Tracer Teams in South Africa: Knowledge, Practices and Challenges of Tracing TB Patients to Improve Adherence

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This paper is clearly and concisely written. The topic area is of limited interest and impact.

One compulsory revision:

Methods or introduction would benefit from a short, 1 sentence description specifying tracer activities. This puts the findings in better context- was tracing conducted at the household, visits made, in pairs, skill level of tracer, mode of transport, etc. Authors should consider making specific and concrete recommendations in the discussion-- N95 masks for tracers and appropriate education on their use.

One discretionary revision:

Discussion page 15: Authors should highlight 3 I WHO policy

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.