Reviewer's report

Title: Common Types of Tuberculosis and Co-Infection with HIV at Private Health Institutions in Amhara Region of Ethiopia: A Cross Sectional Study

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Introduction

The authors made a huge introduction about TB, HIV/TB, and TB in Ethiopia, but they don't introduce the contribution of the private clinic in the control of the HIV/TB. The unique time that the authors write the word private, the authors should changes the introduction and should be included these recommendations, so contribution of public-private to TB case case notification.

2. The authors should explain the type of private health institutions (private-non profit, private-profits, etc).

3. The authors should explain the proceed of randomized used

4. How many private institutions there are in Amhara National Regional State which offer therapeutic services to tuberculosis patients as well as with HIV screening facilities. With percentage is of total of institutions which offer therapeutic services to tuberculosis patients as well as with HIV screening facilities (relation public - private)

Minor Essential Revisions

1. This sentence in the results should be elimite, because is explain in material and methods. Living areas of the study participants were classified into 5 settings: urban, semi-urban, rural, semi-rural and mobile.

2. However the authors have not explained the meaning of mobile?

3. Why is hight prevalence of patients did not undergo the HIV testing “334 (29.3%)”

4. What type of TB is Cold abscess?

5. Revise the bibliography

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable
**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'