Reviewer's report

Title: Patterns of delays amongst pulmonary tuberculosis patients in Lagos, Nigeria.

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The authors have considerably improved the manuscript 'Patterns of delays amongst pulmonary tuberculosis patients in Lagos, Nigeria'. My main concern remains that the additional value of this study is not made clear in the introduction. There is already a recent article about delay in chest clinic patients in Nigeria, Enwuru et al, 2002. Therefore, this manuscript should give new information or explanations for the delay. The authors themselves state in the discussion that the results of their study are comparable to that of Enwuru et al..

My final advise is to publish the manuscript as it is always good to have a confirmation of previous research results. It would be nice if the authors could mention this more clearly in their manuscript.