Reviewer's report

Title: Health seeking and access to care for children with suspected dengue fever in Cambodia: An ethnographic study

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Comments #1-#5 made previously have been fully addressed. Comments #6-#8 have been partially addressed.

Original comment #6. Figure 1 is confusing, and the graphics are low quality. It needs to be revised to present a clear message to the reader.

Comment on revised manuscript: Figure 1 is better, but it is still not totally self-explanatory. Are local drugs all herbal/traditional medicines? What is coining? (brief definition should be included with figure). I still believe this figure could be further improved. For example, the margin could have labels like "first action, second action, third action". Also the source of the data presented in the figure should be stated: in-depth interview versus survey. Although ones knows after reading the entire paper, these days many readers start with the figures then read the article later.

Original comment #7. The meaning of coining is never made clear, nor its importance.

Comment on revised manuscript: The meaning of coining is still not completely clear. I searched for a full description, in vain.

Original comment #8. There is little in the Results section specifically about dengue. Do therapeutic itineraries for dengue differ from those for other acute illnesses? Why and in what ways?

Comment on revised manuscript: This comment is partially addressed. However, overall the paper feels like a paper about careseeking for sick children in general. It seems to me that more could be said specifically about dengue, and how household management of dengue different from household management of other conditions. It is there in places in the results section, perhaps stronger statements could be included in the discussion.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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"