Reviewer’s report

Title: Health care seeking among tuberculosis suspects and pulmonary TB patients in rural Ethiopia: a community-based study

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- Major Compulsory Revisions

1. In the session of data collection, the author mentioned using the semi-structured questionnaire. However, what is the semi-structured questionnaire looking like? Why use the semi-structured questionnaire? What open questions were asked and how the answers were analyzed?

2. In the session of data collection, in the questionnaire, what variables have been used? And how the variables were categorized?

3. In the discussion session, the authors said the peripheral medical facilitiies are staffed by less qualified health workers. Do the authors have evidence in the result session about this?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests