Reviewer’s report

Title: Acceptability and feasibility of integrating Tuberculosis Screening and Detection in post natal services

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Major compulsory revisions

1) You have laid a very good background stating clearly the burden of TB in Kenya and linking it to HIV and maternal mortality. You have also mentioned the availability of ANC TB services without a continuum in PNC and have tried to make a case for this continuum. However the key issues of your objective make the assumption that poor provider knowledge and protocols for referral mechanisms among other things are probable “barriers” to establishment of a PNC TB service.

You should avoid such controversies except of course you have established from literature and in which case it must be stated. Otherwise simply present them as parts of your intervention package.

2) Are the health facilities used for this study rendering ANC TB services? This is important to know because that is the only way to establish if this continuum of care has any meaningful impact. More so if the intervention design is just for the PNC period then it is a defeated purpose since the contact time with a health facility during ANC is more than during PNC.

3) Due to the focus on the 4 issues in the objectives you ended up reporting results in the methodology section which are not results of the main objective. It is advised that the methodology section be restructured as follows:

: study area, study design, intervention, evaluation of intervention, analysis, ethical considerations

For the intervention subsection, the table showing results of training is not necessary or if you must – then have them as appendices.

4) For the results you should highlight key findings in text preceding the tables. There is no need explaining the procedure that led to the results again. You have already done this in the methodology section.

5) In the conclusion it would be helpful to compare findings from similar studies if any or even practice elsewhere. Your discussion is more like recommendations. If you are making recommendations let it be clearly stated.

6) Did you face any challenges in this study? State those as study limitations

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely
related research interests

**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