Reviewer's report

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The second revision of this manuscript reflects attention to the needed clarifications identified in the last review. Upon re-reading the manuscript, I took note of three minor language issues that I raise as discretionary revisions. These are editorial suggestions; I do not need to re-review any changes as a reviewer.

Discretionary Revisions

Background, Seeking care in Lao PDR; paragraph 5: It seems to me that the phrase "...with 49 officially ethnic groups recognized by the Government" could be more clearly stated as "with 49 ethnic groups officially recognized by the Government"

Methods, data analysis; paragraph 2: To be consistent with the past tense used in prior sentences, the authors could use the past tense of the word "lead" (i.e., "led"). ".. HMA and BK identified more sub-themes that led into the significance..."

Similarly, the past tense of "lead" could be used in paragraph 1 of the subsection titled "The challenge of identifying the causes of disease and deciding which provider to go to." The specific phrase is: "...is one of the answers that led the analysis into the pragamatics of uncertainty."

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.