Reviewer's report

Title: Training health care workers to promote HIV Services for Patients with Tuberculosis in the Democratic Republic of Congo

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Strengthen
• The study addresses a very important activity of integrating training on TB and HIV and AIDS activities. Many countries in Africa are still conducting training for these two diseases separately.
• Study limitations were clearly stated and understood.
• Table one: Clearly shows the knowledge participants gained during training as shown in the improvement of the results of post test compared to during pre-testing.

Weak areas:
1. The study did not clearly state the objectives and methodology of the study and the results were not systematically presented.
2. The inclusion of epidemiological data for TB and HIV for DRC as well as Kinshasa could be very useful for your paper
3. In you background you could also state the policy on HIV testing in DRC
4. on the second paragraph on the background you already started making conclusion of the study which is not proper
5. In the second paragraph of the background you also stated that you did not identify any TB/HIV training manuals in 2005. However, if you did a careful literature search you would have found that the World Health Organization had training document on TB/HIV called “Management of Collaborative TB/HIV activities: Training for Managers at National and Sub-national levels-Manual for participants” in 2005
6. Evaluation of newly developed training: The last but one paragraph in this underlined section you indicated that a treatment card for collaborative activities was introduced to record TB/HIV activities. Could be ideal to show this card in the annex
7. The first sentence on the conclusions is biased. Integration of HIV activities into routine TB patient care is urgently needed to reduce the burden of HIV among these patients. You should also have stated that the integration of TB activities into routine HIV care is urgently needed to reduce the burden of TB among these PLWH.
8. The topic of the paper should have promoted both HIV services in TB care settings and vice versa because it is the principle of TB/HIV collaborative activities. But your intended objective addresses both TB and HIV services.

9. On your reference, you would have included more papers from DRC to show that the setting is in DRC. There is only one paper from DRC.

10. Are the primary health care clinics where participants were drawn from, public or private or a mixture of public and private sectors?

My decision:

• This paper does meet the standards to be published in international journal. There is nothing that emerged from this paper worth the attention of the international audience.

• I would encourage the authors to improve the paper for publication in local peer review journal.

• My final decision is rejection.