Title: Directly Observed Therapy following Tuberculosis treatment regimen change in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: a qualitative study

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Author’s response to reviews:

We wish to submit a new manuscript entitled “Directly Observed Therapy (DOT) following Tuberculosis treatment regimen change in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: a qualitative study” for consideration and publication in your BMC Infectious Diseases Journal.

We do confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

In this paper, we report on the experience of TB patients on treatment and some health care providers on directly observed therapy (DOT) as a modality of TB treatment provision for TB patients for the entire duration of their treatment among public health facilities, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, following the TB treatment regimen change. This is significant because the findings of this study will inform policy makers and the scientific community working on the area of TB prevention and control locally and globally regarding the challenges related to DOT as a means of TB treatment observation. The paper should be of interest to readers in the areas of Tuberculosis control program, TB researchers and policy-makers who like to learn about the experiences of DOT.

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Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.
Sincerely,

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