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The authors raised an important topic of interest that address the challenge and progress of TB program implementation in Ethiopia after the regimen change. Despite this, the paper needs to address the following comments.

• The authors should shorten the introduction section to the level that the reader can understand the topic that they want to disseminate.
• Why the authors need to focus on the months of March and April 2014? Or is that a data collection period or actual patient enrollment?
• How the authors come up with using interview guide and semi-structured questionnaire.
• Please explicitly mention in the method section about the number, size, their characteristics of FGD and in-depth interview done with of the respective participants in detail.
• Better to characterize the study settings in detail. The methods paragraph should include some background socio-demographic information on the study setting (e.g. size and population, poverty rate, key economic activities, HIV prevalence etc). It should also provide further detail on how participants were selected?
• Please re-write on the usage of wording appropriately like in … in FGD guide on line 167
• Avoid some redundancy statement and sentence pattern to maintain the flow of idea
• Avoid the word “regional” in line 184
• How do the authors ensure the quality of their data?
• The authors should write first the word rather than listing the acronym like HCPs in line 202
• Missing a lot of punctuation in different place e.g. line 222
• Re-writes some of the quotes statement as some words, feelings are not well elaborated in detail….
• Please write the right word as it is missing in different place….like moths on line
• Better not to mention the quotes from line 314-319
• The authors should support some of the thought with scientific evidence rather than speculation and perceptions that can augment the finding of their study especially the discussion section.
• Revise the reference lay out and writes it in detail way as per the recommendation of BMC public health journal style.
• The authors need to carefully check the paper for English grammar or transcription errors. There are a problem of language edition and spelling error.

Kindest regards,

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Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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