Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence and correlates of depression and anxiety among patients with tuberculosis at Wolaita Sodo University Hospital and Sodo Health Center, Wolaita Sodo, SNNPRS, Ethiopia.

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Reviewer: Sarah Doucette

Reviewer’s report:

The authors have addressed some of my points in the cover letter, however, have not added in several details into the manuscript itself and there are still some points requiring clarification.

Major Compulsory Revisions:

1) I was expecting to see my previous points clarified in the manuscript, not just in the cover letter. (E.g., please add in that psychiatric nurses conducted the interview as this is an important detail that an academic audience will want to know).

2) My minor essential revisions do not appear to be addressed. The results section in the abstract remains confusing. The following sentence: “Multivariate analysis showed that individual who had co-morbid HIV infection [AOR=5.90,(95%CI: 2.34,15.93)] and [AOR=9.61,(95%CI: 3.56, 25.96)], poor social support [AOR=18.06,(95%CI:11.21,25.45)] & [AOR=8.93,(95%CI:5.01,15.94)], perceived stigma [AOR=10.86, (95%CI:10.26,23.47)] & [AOR=3.11,(95%CI:1.78,5.42)] were more likely to have depression and anxiety as compared to individuals who had no co-morbid HIV infection, good social support and no perceived stigma respectively.” is not clear. Firstly, it’s not clear which OR’s match to which study variable. Secondly, the authors examined adjusted estimates for depression and anxiety separately not together. The latter statement in the abstract is actually incorrect as the authors have put adjusted OR’s for depression only and anxiety only. Please make this explicit.

3) As it is currently written, it is still not clear how the participants were recruited. The authors need to describe this in more detail in the methods section. For example, were the patients recruited during regular visits and who conducted the recruitment? If the patients treating physician did the recruitment, there are ethical concerns the authors need to discuss. There are different types of systematic sampling, please elaborate on exactly what you did.

4) There are still several grammatical and English errors. Please have the manuscript edited by an English speaking (first language) editor.

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Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests