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Title: Traditional healers’ role in the detection of active TB cases in a pastoralist community in Ethiopia: a pilot interventional study

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1. Part of the background could read thus: ...Therefore this study evaluates the role traditional healers (THs) could play in the early detection and treatment of TB in a pastoralist community in Ethiopia.

2. Instead of TB suspect, please use 'presumptive TB case'.

3. Please cross-check the figures relating to number of presumptive TB cases referred, number of TB cases confirmed, number of TB cases that completed treatment, number free from TB (perhaps you mean 'cured'?) as well as number lost-to-follow-up. Ensure that the numbers add up!

4. It seems to me that your sampling is better characterised as 'purposive' rather than 'convenient'.

5. I missed a control population in your study but I was very happy to see that you clearly recommended a cluster randomised trial at the end.

6. Your English is commendable. I do recommend however that you go through the text once again (if possible with a native English speaker) for final language editing.

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