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Title: Explaining patient delay in healthcare seeking and loss to diagnostic follow-up among patients with presumptive tuberculosis in Tanzania: A mixed-methods study

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Re: BHSR-D-18-01505 “Explaining patient delay in healthcare seeking and loss to diagnostic follow-up among patients with presumptive tuberculosis in Tanzania”

Editor

Comment 1: Currently tables 6, 7A and 7B are not cited in the main text of your manuscript. Please ensure that all figures/tables and supplementary files are cited within the text. Any items, which are not cited, may be deleted by our production department upon publication.

Authors’ response: Thank you. We have cited tables 6, 7A and 7B in the main text of the manuscript.
“In univariate analysis, female sex was significantly associated with LDFU (OR 3.51 95% CI: 1.70-7.23) as well as perceived cause ingestion (OR 0.68 95% CI 0.47, 0.98) (Table 6) “(p. 19 line 423-425)

The perceived cause “other conditions”, including prior illness, was positively associated also with LDFU (aoR 1.39 95% CI 0.96-2.02) (Table 7A) (p. 19 line 426-428).

When stratifying analyses by gender, all odds ratios were larger among women but none of the differences between the gender-specific estimates was statistically significant (Table 7B) (p.19 line 431-433).

Comment 2: Please ensure that figure 7A is labelled correctly in its title (currently just figure 7 and not figure 7A).

Authors’ response: We correctly labelled the table.

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Authors’ response: Thank you. We submitted a clean version of the manuscript