Reviewer’s report

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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The article concerns explaining patient delay in healthcare seeking and loss to diagnostic follow-up among patients with presumptive tuberculosis in Tanzania. It reports findings of an important study aimed at exploring factors associated with patient delay and loss to diagnostic follow-up in the intervention study (TB-PHARM). The article is well written and highlights important findings that are critical to address in TB control programmes and also adds to the body of scientific knowledge. I do not have any other specific comments.

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