Reviewer’s report

Title: Delay in tuberculosis diagnosis and treatment in Amhara state, Ethiopia

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this is an important issue discussing delay in TB treatment in Ethiopia.

It presents the current condition and risk factors associated with delay, which can facilitate further quality improvement.

There are some suggestions

1. there are good discussion about patient delay and associated risk factors, as to the health system delay, there is not too much discussion.

the author may consider the reference as below

BMC Infectious Diseases. 2015 Nov; 15: 491.

2. abstract line 37

the direction of OR should be considered: if new infection is risk factor for delay, the OR should larger than 1

3. is the underlying disease status of the patients available? eg. DM or HIV infection?

4. table 2 line 40

I think the item is "the perception of cause of TB by the patient"

5. page 18 should be table 3

please stated clear the adjusted OR is adjusted by which variate

6. figure 1 is quite confusing
maybe the author want to show by a map to make it more clear?

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