Reviewer’s report

Title: Challenges and opportunities in the continuity of care for hypertension: a mixed-methods study embedded in a primary health care intervention in Tajikistan

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Dear Authors,

Thank you for an insightful read on evidenced potential solutions to barriers in hypertension service delivery. It is a key relevant topic needed for improving health systems and subsequently improving health outcomes and quality of life of persons living with hypertension. My comments are very minor.

1. in general, the manuscript uses a framework to addresses continuity of care yet, from the title and introduction, it suggest it addresses barriers in health service delivery. it might be more helpful to clarify this in the title and introduction.
2. kindly clarify what "either" is in the introduction
3. on page 4, line 69, kindly provide the age range of "male and female adults.."
4. line 350, check the use of capital letters
5. in lines 418-424, you make the case for using lower skilled workers yet, you also indicate (and indeed literature supports) that the issues of low detection of cases could be attributed to the lack of health personnel capacity and skills to identify and manage the skills. kindly reconcile
6. a more general comment is related to sustainability. what happens when PBF is over? literature suggests programs fail after PBF ends, what are the chances of these bottlenecks not reoccurring or persisting after the program ends? would be helpful to touch on this in the discussion.
7. lines 486 - 489, kindly provide further some details on behavioural modifications like smoking and alcohol consumption status which known self management challenges
8. Kindly provide the ethic approval number of the study protocol in line 555
9. kindly specify what is "reasonable" request for data in line 564
10. table 2, the solution for the 4th point excludes any proposed solution for equipment for hypertension monitoring . any reasons why?
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Yes

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