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Title: Leishmaniasis patients' pilgrimage to access health care in rural Bolivia: a qualitative study using human rights to health approach

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I think this is a much stronger piece now.

Corrections and Suggestions (mainly to clarify meaning)

p.3 l. 52: "guaranteed obligation of the States" is not accurate. The sense given in these lines should be as follows: the right to health is a legally binding obligation to states that are party to any international covenant that contains it, and obliges those states to advance and secure it, whether through domestic legislation, policies or otherwise. It is a progressive right that states committed to its protection must secure over time.

p.5 l. 92: suggest "some studies have discussed" (rather than "mentioned something"

p.8 l. 156-8 Suggest "Because of the lack of adequate roads, public transport is scarce. Consequently, their ability to access medical services is limited"

p.15 l. 320 suggest "faced many hardships reaching them"

p.21 l. 469-473 suggest "Public health initiatives to control leishmaniasis would benefit from using the human rights to health approach and integrating human rights principles; uncovering health inequities and catalyzing integration focusing on who is left behind and why, such that the needs of the most marginalized are met. Finally, we suggest that policy makers strengthen leishmaniasis care capacity related to laboratory diagnosis and the availability of treatments in primary health care centres located in endemic areas."

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