Reviewer’s report

Title: Disparities in access to diagnosis and care in Blantyre, Malawi identified through enhanced tuberculosis surveillance and spatial analysis

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Reviewer: Sabine Belard

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The authors have thoroughly addressed all reviewer's comments and have considerably improved the manuscript by adding additional information to the methods section, revising parts of the result section, and elaborating on the discussion section including the limitations. There are only two minor comments that I would like to add:

1. I am struggling to understand/find the reason why some data were changed, e.g. the total number of TB cases in the first paragraph under "TB case notifications". Thanks for clarifying.

2. Exclusion of most affluent and industrial catchment areas - could you provide information how these were identified? Personal opinion? Income data? Thanks.

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