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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I thank the authors for responding to the comments raised.

Some of the issues raised in my previous review were not addressed: In number (4), I am interested in the non-CHW catchment area residents which consisted of: TB cases who were resident in an area of the city not mapped by study activities AND TB cases from another part of the country. The non-CHW resident consisted of a total of 2354 TB patients i.e., 38.7% of the total proportion of TB cases seen. Of this number, what is the number (%) that are TB cases who were resident in an area of the city not mapped by study activities AND what is the number (%) that are TB cases from another part of the country. If we are making a study on enhanced surveillance system for TB in Blantyre, and almost two-fifths of potential patients from Blantyre were excluded, I am not sure this still represents the TB population in Blantyre

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