Reviewer's report

Title: Being safe, feeling safe and stigmatizing attitude among primary health care staff in providing Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis care in Bantul District, Yogyakarta Province, Indonesia

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As the authors claimed, this manuscript has the advantage of rarity of research, which explores the issue of the stigmatizing attitude among health professional workers dealing with MDR-TB treatment. However, there are major issues that must be resolved before this manuscript will be ready for publishing.

Framework. Only a descriptive snapshot of what occurs in a primary, health care facility is provided. If the stigma exists, it would be interesting to hear the thoughts of the authors in the discussion section of the manuscripts as to the reasons behind this, and what possible solutions exist to address the issue. What were the reasons for the inadequate sub-optimal knowledge about infection control protocol among care providers for MDR-TB? If the knowledge gap is the cause of the undesirable behaviors or the unnecessary practice of health care providers, then would it be desirable to expand on this? The Conclusion section only confirmed the existing stigma and the lack of knowledge of the MDR-TB care-providers.

Structure. The introduction can be shortened, and more focused on the purpose behind the study. Also, it may not be proper to describe the performance of the TB control program in the Methods section. The performance itself is arguably the reason behind the study, and therefore should be in the introduction. I would recommend that the Methodology section describe the 3 methods of investigation, the Results section outline the specific results from each of the methods, and the Discussion section explore a detailed analysis of the study.

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