Reviewer’s report

Title: Using hospital auxiliary workers and 24-hour TB services as potential tools to overcome inhospital TB delays: a quasi-experimental study

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Corrections are recommended in the labeling of the figures: The article has 2 figures which are supposed to be labeled figure 1 and figure 2: The author labeled both as Figure 1- This is not correct, However in the write up this is correctly reflected as figure 1 and figure 2: Please name the second figure 2 (Figure 1 - Median time delay from hospital admission to TB treatment initiation, Beira and Nampula central hospitals, Mozambique) and the first can be left as figure 1 (Figure 1- Median time delay from hospital admission to laboratory TB diagnosis, Beira and Nampula central hospitals, Mozambique).

Please check this statement (Lines 54 - 58) 'In general, the clinic-epidemiological characteristics (sex, age, HIV status, history of TB disease) were similar (p &gt; 0.05) in both sites, either before or after intervention. What is the basis of the similarities. You indicated (p &gt; 0.05) yet I see some of the P-value for HIV status and HAART is way below ie p &lt; 0.05 eg 0.010 and 0.001. Please correct the statement

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