

Review of: "What is the impact of COVID-19 era on annual tuberculosis notifications in India? A comparative study (2017-2022)"

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Reviewer's comments:

Overall, the authors have presented the data structurally but the authors need to rectify the following shortcomings.

Major revisions:

- 1. Nowhere in the study, the cause of COVID-19 is mentioned.
- 2. Although the limitation is mentioned as the exclusion of non-notified cases, still the reason for non-notified cases should be ascertained.
- 3. Testing was done by what means is not discussed anywhere nor acknowledged.
- 4. The notifications mentioning public and private sectors need more elaboration on what diagnostic setups were included and what was excluded.
- 5. The conclusion is vaguely written and the authors may like to add some novel strategies for notifications, especially during such emergencies.
- 6. There are several grammatical errors that need to be rectified.