

Review of: "Factors influencing women's decision choosing a public or private health facility for tuberculosis (TB) services: An analysis of Nepal demographic and health survey data 2016"

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

Study Topic: A very relevant and interesting topic in primary Health care.

Inasmuch as the study topic focuses on TB services, the content is limited to general health services as sought by women. This then beats the study purpose of informing policy which should ideally be specific to Tuberculosis. Otherwise you may consider revising the topic.

Background

- 1. The background information is generally missing a justification on why the study's target population is women.
- 2. 'A study conducted in Nepal shows that out of the total identified TB cases, 61% were managed under the regular TB program and 39% were managed and referred by private sector in Nepal [10]. A study conducted in Nepal showed that 77% of women with TB initially consulted at a public health facility for their treatment [11].' Specify the period in which the study in reference was conducted.
- 3. 'So, the critical question is: Why do all women fail to go to a public health facility for diagnosis and treatment of TB? Check on the grammar or else this statement changes the whole essence of the study. This would mean none of the women goes to a public facility which is not the case.

Methodology

- 1. Sampling: Important to specify that Multistage Cluster sampling was employed.
- 2. Dependent variable: Services of community health volunteers should be excluded from the choice of health facility.

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