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Journal Name:	Journal of Complementary and Alternative Medical Research
Manuscript Number:	Ms_JOCAMR_116027
Title of the Manuscript:	The Practice and Modalities of African Traditional Medicine in Tuberculosis Treatment - a Traditional Medical Practitioners' Perspective
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</p>	<p>This study would be a valuable contribution to the existing literature.</p> <p>Traditional medicine practitioners' perspective and knowledge on treatment of Tuberculosis in Africa</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Partially appropriate</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Please find bellow my comments:</p> <p>1- Abstract: Please Correct the writing of "ethnographic"</p> <p>2- Introduction: Write "ten patients suffering from Tuberculosis instead of "of ten TB patients"</p> <p>3- Introduction: rephrase the sentence "With an estimated 1.3 million deaths in 2022 alone, TB is one of the major causes of mortality globally, only coming 2nd to coronavirus (covid-19) in recent times</p> <p>4- Introduction: Please correct the writing of" paraesthesia"</p> <p>5- In Paragraph 3.2.4: Could you mention the prevalence of the patients who were difficult to treat or experienced side effects during treatment</p> <p>6- were any other paraclinical examinations (e.g., radiological examinations) carried out to conclude that the treatment was successful?</p> <p>7- Please review the total of 'yes' and "No" answers in table 2: the total exceeds 100%.</p> <p>8- Please review this sentence grammar: A wide diversity of plants were prescribed by TMPs for the management of TB patients.</p> <p>9- The the limits of the study:</p> <p>-a comparison with other studies carried out in other regions would be desirable</p> <p>-the use of clinical, clinical and para-clinical examinations to conclude on the efficacy of treatment with these plants</p> <p>-more in-depth studies on safety, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, adverse effects and possible interactions with other plants/drugs are desirable</p>	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>The study was conducted in one city, in Zimbabwe; and cannot be generalised for the entire African continent. There is some degree of variation in terms of the plant species used by practitioners from other countries in Africa.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>In 3.2.4 "In some instances, TMPs referred the patient to the clinic for confirmatory laboratory diagnostic tests for the patient to be declared TB-free."</p> <p>Responses to each of the practices were assessed independently, hence are not cumulative. The total is 100% for each e.g. record keeping – 35.7% respondents kept some kind of records, whilst 64.3% did not.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed.</p>
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Agreed.</p>

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PART 2:

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)	