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Dear Editors,

We thank you and the reviewers for your thoughtful consideration of our manuscript # 1207148427406711, “Blood cultures for the diagnosis of multidrug-resistant and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis among HIV-infected patients from rural South Africa: a cross-sectional study.” We have provided the requested changes in highlighted track-change format within the manuscript.

Specifically, with regard to referee #3’s request for the community prevalence of TB and HIV, we have now described these data in the “setting” subsection of the Methods section. We cannot find that referees #1 or #2 had any suggestions for changes. With regard to the editorial staff’s request for an Acknowledgements section that addresses funding, we have now provided this new section prior the References section.

Please let us know if we can make any further adjustments. Thank you again for your consideration and the opportunity to share our work with your readership.

Sincerely,
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