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Please find enclosed the rebuttal letter for the manuscript “MS: 2112200388434367 Detection of Pulmonary tuberculosis: comparing MR imaging with HRCT” by Elisa BUSI RIZZI, et al, submitted to BMC ID.

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I thank you for the valuable time you devoted to this manuscript and for the accurate comments that improved the quality of the text. I hope that the revised manuscript is now suitable for publication in the BMC ID Journal.

On behalf of all co-authors

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