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Dear Dr Marshall,

Thank you for your letter regarding our manuscript “Analysis of undiagnosed tuberculosis-related deaths identified at post-mortem among HIV-infected patients in Russia: a descriptive study” submitted to the BMC Infectious Diseases.

We have amended the ethics statement according to the requirements (it clearly states now that the study was approved by the Samara Ministry of Health Ethics Review Board and received a waiver of informed consent due to the retrospective nature of the study and absence of additional procedures or collected data). We apologise for the use of the “old” statement (an error that occurred during the revision process) and hope that the manuscript now is suitable for the publication.

Sincerely,

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