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Dear editors:

We are submitting our manuscript entitled “Inter-rater agreement in the assessment of abnormal chest X-ray findings for tuberculosis between two Asian countries” by Shinsaku Sakurada, Nguyen Thi Le Hang, Naoki Ishizuka, Emiko Toyota, Le Dinh Hung, Pham The Chuc, Luu Thi Lien, Pham Huu Thuong, Pham Thi Ngoc Bich, Naoto Keicho, and Nobuyuki Kobayashi.

Inter-rater agreement in the interpretation of chest X-ray films is crucial for clinical and epidemiological studies of tuberculosis. Using two coding systems, we evaluated the level of agreement on chest X-ray findings between readers between two Asian countries for international collaborative studies. We also attempted to characterize appropriate codes for this purpose.

All authors have contributed significantly to the work, and have seen and approved the manuscript. The manuscript has not been published and is not being considered for publication elsewhere.

We would be grateful if the manuscript could be reviewed and considered for publication in “BMC Infectious Diseases”.

Yours sincerely,

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