Author’s response to reviews

Title: Novel methodology to assess sputum smear microscopy quality in private laboratories

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for providing feedback on the manuscript (“Novel methodology to assess sputum smear microscopy quality in private laboratories”, MS: 5081325496732998) that my team submitted last week. All of the requested changes identified during the initial review have been made.

1) The methods section now states that informed consent was not obtained from Indus Hospital patients whose sputum specimens were using in this study, as the specimens being used were tagged for disposal and were totally de-identified.
2) A ‘Competing Interests’ section was added after the conclusion section.
3) The abstract was updated to include a brief description of the study’s methods.

We are also happy to have the manuscript submitted to BMC Infectious Diseases for review given.

Yours Sincerely,

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