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Dear Editor.

Thank you for pointing out the corrections needed to be made. We have made the corrections as requested.

1.) Line numbering

The lines have been numbered continuously throughout the manuscript.

2.) ethics statement:

Ethics statement appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate. The statement reads as follows, "The study was approved by the research ethics committee of the Goven Mbeki Research and Development Centre, University of Fort Hare, Record Number 2012/2013-01356".

3.) consent statement:

Consent statement was included in the Methods section and reads as follows, "Written informed consent from participants was obtained and the confidentiality of the patients' identities was protected".