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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: MS: 1562579947779057 - Clinical characteristics and initial management of patients with tuberculous pericarditis in the HIV era: the Investigation of the Management of Pericarditis in Africa (IMPI Africa) registry

Thank you for approving our manuscript for publication in *BMC Infectious Diseases*. We have formatted the manuscript as follows.

1. **Title & Abstract**
   We have removed the italics in the title of the manuscript (“Clinical characteristics and initial management of patients with tuberculous pericarditis in the HIV era: the *Investigation of the Management of Pericarditis in Africa* (IMPI Africa) registry”) to make it identical with the title in the submission system. We have not made any other changes in this section.

2. **Author list**
   The authors’ names and order of appearance in both the submission system and manuscript are identical.

3. **Website addresses**
   We have removed the website addresses from the manuscript (page 4 paragraph 6, and page 8 paragraph 3), and cited them in the reference list as references 15 & 18 respectively, that is:


   We have re-read the manuscript, but have not made any other changes.

   Thank you for your time and consideration.

   Yours sincerely,

   Bongani M. Mayosi