Title: High Prevalence of Pulmonary Tuberculosis in Children Admitted with Severe Pneumonia in Uganda

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To: The Editor-in-Chief
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Re: Submission of a paper titled “High prevalence of pulmonary tuberculosis in children admitted with severe pneumonia in Uganda”

We hereby submitted a manuscript with the above mentioned title for publication in your journal.

Our paper covers tuberculosis in children with severe pneumonia. Tuberculosis in children estimated to account for about 400,000 deaths globally on annual basis while Pneumonia accounts for about 2 million deaths. Tuberculosis also presents as acute pneumonia most especially in younger children. The non-response to antibiotics in pneumonia patients is the usual trigger for suspecting tuberculosis. These children diagnosed following antibiotic treatment failure represent cases of delayed TB diagnosis usually with poor outcomes. The establishment of the burden of tuberculosis in children with severe pneumonia has important public health and health care practice implications on intensified case finding of tuberculosis in this population of children. We have chosen to publish in your journal so that this information can rapidly and freely be accessed worldwide in order to inform extension of intervention policies like intensified case finding to children with severe pneumonia.

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