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Dear editor,

We thank you for reviewing our manuscript. As suggested, we have expanded the limitation section of the manuscript and toned down our conclusions. We emphasize in the conclusion section of the discussion and the abstract that the data are for generating hypotheses for future research. We also highlight that, as presented, the data cannot refute the idea that smoking could account for the different distribution of the pulmonary impairment shown. We believe pulmonary impairment after tuberculosis and smoking is a serious and intriguing subject that needs to be pursued in greater depth separately.

Again, we thank you for reviewing our manuscript.

Sincerely

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