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Dear editorial board of BMC Public Health,

Thank you for considering the revised manuscript enclosed: “Tuberculosis diagnosis delays in Chad: a multicenter, hospital-based, survey in Ndjamena and Moundou”.

The revised manuscript is submitted without the french abstract in accordance with the requirement of the editors.

Considering the ethical requirements, let me remind you that this study is a questionnaire survey which was conducted as a part of my Ph D project. The project was validated by my French institutions which considered the ethical approval of the chadian health ministry as sufficient. The study didn’t need an
approval from a French ethical committee since the study was not conducted in France, and it didn't require a change in the usual diagnostic practices and in the routine therapeutic protocol.

We hope that these changes and these clarifications fulfill the requirements to make the manuscript acceptable for a peer review and for a publication in BMC Public Health.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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