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To The BioMed Central Editorial Team

On behalf of the authors of the manuscript “Predicting Smear Negative Pulmonary Tuberculosis with Classification Trees and Logistic Regression: a cross-sectional study”, I would like to thank you for your message. Following are a description of the changes we have made in the manuscript to take care of the reviewers’ last considerations.

The only remaining criticism was raised by Dr. Juan Wisnivesky, who recommended not reporting positive and negative predictive values.

To attend his recommendation we decided to remove from the text all indication that we used positive and negative predictive values to evaluate the performance of the models (this occurred three times, in pages 6, 8, and 10). We also removed from Table 3 the columns showing predictive values.

We hope we were able to meet your requirements. Please contact us if you need any further explanations.

Sincerely,

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