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The Editor

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for considering our manuscript for publication in BMC Public Health. We have revised the manuscript in response to the comments made by the reviewers. Furthermore, we have gone through the manuscript formatting checklist and ensure that our revised manuscript conforms to all of the points. Below, we have provided a point-by-point response to the reviewers’ comments.

Sincerely,

Belay Tessema
**Reviewer One: Bernt Lindtjorn**

The authors have answered the questions I asked.

I have one more question about the low sputum smear positive rate. Only 671 of their 4000 patients have a definite tuberculosis diagnosis. I suggest the authors also question the quality of their laboratory. In my experience laboratories rarely question the quality results of their examinations. Did they do any quality checks? I suggest they also mention that efforts should be made to improve the quality of the laboratories in their discussion.

*We did not do any quality checks for the laboratory results. However, as the reviewer mentioned and as the case of in most laboratories, quality control performed rarely.*

*We appreciate the reviewer’s suggestion and we have mentioned that efforts should be made to improve the quality of the laboratories in the discussion part (paragraph 7)*

**Reviewer Two: Mark Cotton**

There were no questions from this reviewer