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Reviewer 1. (Chin-Chung Shu)

Thank you again for your professional suggestions. Because Taiwan is still thought as tuberculosis endemic area by the U.S. public health authority. Although my colleagues had announced clinical impacts on PTB and NTM differentiation from our preliminary laboratory data, we hoped this paper focused on mycobacterial characteristics of CT scans would arise more concerns of mycobacterial infection and control, not only in Taiwan, but also in China and all other tuberculosis endemic areas, if it could be published as an original article.

Reviewer 2. (Yoshiki Demura)

Thank you again for your professional suggestions. We have checked the manuscript word by word including tables and figure legends and replace honeycomb with bronchiectasis and cystic changes.

Reviewer 3. (ulas Baqci)

Thank you again for your professional suggestions. We have sent our manuscript to native English writers to check grammar and fluency.

Editors’ Comment:

We have checked the manuscript word by word including tables and figure legends and replace honeycomb with bronchiectasis and cystic changes. Some necessary subtle changes of wording are also made in this revised manuscript.