Author's response to reviews

Title: Hemoptysis, a developing world perspective.

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Sir,

Following changes have been made to the manuscript titled 'Hemoptysis, a developing world perspective', in light of reviewer's comments.

Reviewer 1
Phillip Eng
Major Revisions
1. The research is related to all patients with hemoptysis, not merely massive hemoptysis. This has now been mentioned at the beginning of the data collection section of the Methods/Design part of the manuscript.
2. The results are not available as yet for inclusion in this manuscript, which is a study protocol. Discussion section is also not being included for the same reason. If the reviewer could specify towards further elaboration of a specific issue, this may then be included in the background (or if necessary, a discussion section).

Reviewer 2
Peter Sly
Major Revisions
1. Mention has now been made of appropriate assessment for the etiology, e.g. tuberculosis or malignancy. This is included now in the 'Data collection' section of the Methods/Design part of the manuscript.
2. Prevalence of hemoptysis is indeed likely to differ at varying age groups. It would most likely be different for the pediatric age group. This study is however restricted to adult population. Mention has now been made in the 'Data collection' section of inclusion only of adult population.
3. Further attempt at statistical analysis has been made. This is now included in the data analysis section of the methods/design part of the manuscript.

Regards.