Author's response to reviews

Title: Successfully tested but not enrolled in the care for human immunodeficiency virus co-infected tuberculosis patients: an observational cohort study at primary care centers in a rural district, Zambia

Authors:

- Shinsuke Miyano (s-miyano@it.ncgm.go.jp)
- Samba Muvuma (smuvuma@yahoo.com)
- Naoko Ishikawa (n-ishikawa@it.ncgm.go.jp)
- Hiroyoshi Endo (endoh@research.twnu.ac.jp)
- Charles Msiska (Myekha@yahoo.com)
- Gardner Syakantu (gsyakantu@yahoo.com)

Version: 3 Date: 21 February 2013

Author's response to reviews: see over
The Editorial Board  
BMC Health Services Research  

Dear Sir or Madam,  

Re: Submission of the manuscript “Healthcare provision for HIV co-infected tuberculosis patients in rural Zambia: an observational cohort study at primary care centers”  

On behalf of my co-authors, I am submitting the attached manuscript for possible publication in the *BioMed Central Health Services Research*. The paper is 2,766 words long and has 3 tables and 1 figure.  

This operational research sheds new light on a subject that has long been of high interest to the national TB/HIV collaborative program in the rural settings. We believe new findings are of particular interest to the readers of the *BioMed Central Health Services Research*.  

As noted in the acknowledge part, this study were presented at the 19th International AIDS Conference, Washington D.C., USA, July 22nd-27th, 2012 (Abstract No. MOPE-644) and at the 43rd Union World Conference on Lung Health, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, November 13th-17th, 2012 (Abstract No. OP-146-16). Otherwise no portion of the paper has been published, and the manuscript is not under consideration of any other journal. All the authors have read the manuscript and have approved this submission. The authors report no conflicts of interests.  

Thank you for considering the paper for publication in the *BioMed Central Health Services Research*.  

Sincerely,  

Shinsuke Miyano, MD, MCTM  

MoH-JICA SHIMA Project, Ministry of Health, Zambia  
Ndeke House  
PO Box 30205, Lusaka  
TELEFAX. +260-211-257-728  
e-mail: s-miyano@it.ncgm.go.jp