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The Editor,

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Dear Editor,

RE: RESUBMISSION OF A MANUSCRIPT TITLED SPECIES DIVERSITY OF NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIA ISOLATED FROM HUMAN, LIVESTOCK AND WILDLIFE IN THE SERENGETI ECOSYSTEM, TANZANIA

Refer to the heading above.
I hereby submit a revised manuscript titled species diversity of non-tuberculous mycobacterium isolated from human, livestock and wildlife in the Serengeti ecosystem, Tanzania. This study was part of the study titled genetic and ecological drivers of tuberculosis at human/livestock/wildlife interface of the Serengeti ecosystem, Tanzania. I hereby submit a response to copyright for the google map image and clarify whether written informed consent was obtained.

1. Copyright of the google map – This map was obtained after using the coordinates obtained from sites where the sample was taken. I do not have a copyright from the google. The box on the right corner shows the map is obtained from google in 2014. However, this map has been substituted by the image attached. See attached the revised figure 1.

2. Issue of written informed consent – Yes, written informed consent was taken from suspect TB patients in the study areas as per instructions from The National Institute for Medical Research, Tanzania (NIMR) (Ref. No. NIMR/HQ/R.8a/Vol. IX/1299). This has been corrected. See line 261 of the revised manuscript.

Thank you for your cooperation.

I remain sincerely,

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