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RE: Submission of a revised manuscript to be considered for publication as a research article in BioMed Central Infectious Diseases.

We hereby submit the revised manuscript entitled: “Male Gender is Independently Associated with Pulmonary Tuberculosis among sputum and non-sputum people with presumptive tuberculosis in Southwestern Uganda” after a point-by-point response to reviewers’ comments.

This study, the first of its kind combining sputum producers and non-sputum producers with presumptive TB, aimed to assess possible gender differences in TB prevalence among patients with presumptive tuberculosis (TB) in a high TB and HIV prevalence setting, and to assess the role of potential contributing factors, in order to design gender specific interventions to limit the transmission of TB in resources limited settings.

This is our original unpublished work that has never been submitted elsewhere. Permission to cite unpublished data or personal communications has been obtained. We therefore believe that the presented research and revision satisfies consideration for publication in BioMed Central Infectious Diseases and will make a valuable contribution to the field of TB prevention.

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Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Claude Bernard CB Uwizeye

Reviewer’s report:

1. Major Compulsory Revisions:

1.1. They were addressed

2. Minor Essential Revisions

2.1. The last one is to replace "Tuberculosis suspects" by "Presumptive TB", as per the 2013 WHO TB new definitions and reporting framework [see WHO TB Publications webpage]

The manuscript has been re-written for compliance with WHO TB new definitions and reporting framework and “Tuberculosis suspects” has been replaced by “people with presumptive TB”

3. Discretionary revisions

3.1. None

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

We are grateful to the reviewer for their time and input towards improving this manuscript.