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Dear BMC Infectious Diseases Editor,

Please find enclosed the revision of our manuscript entitled

“A population-based observational study comparing Cervista and Hybrid Capture 2 methods: Improved relative specificity of the Cervista assay by increasing its cut-off”,

which I would like to resubmit for publication as a research article in BMC Infectious Diseases.

As requested after initial assessment of our manuscript, we have made the following changes:

1. Email addresses of all authors were added to the title page.
2. An ethics approval statement has been added to the methods section:
   “No ethical approval was required, because patient samples were completely anonymized and study results had no influence on the patients’ follow-up strategy. Written informed consent was obtained from each patient prior to study recruitment.”
3. An acknowledgement section has been added:
   “ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this submission.

With kind regards,

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