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Your Ref: INFD-D-16-00920R1

Dr Eyal Oren
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Dear Dr Oren

Re: Association of high serum vitamin D concentrations with active pulmonary TB in an HIV co-endemic setting, Harare, Zimbabwe (INFD-D-16-00920R1).

We thank you for your e-mail dated 06 January 2017.

We have highlighted in yellow the edits to our revised manuscript. The edited sections are referenced by section, sub section; line and page numbers.
Reviewer #2 report:

The authors may clarify in the Methods whether the CLIA is specific for 25(OH)D3, or else measures total 25(OH)D.

Authors’ response:

We thank the Reviewer for the comment. Indeed the CLIA method used measures 25-hydroxy vitamin D [25(OH)D] the universally accepted marker of serum vitamin D status. We therefore amended all relevant sections as outlined below.

1. (Abstract section Methods sub section, Line 47, Page 3): 25-hydroxyvitamin D3 (25(OH)D3) in the draft was changed to 25-hydroxyvitamin D (25(OH)D)
2. (Methods section, Vitamin D assays sub section, Line 147, page 8): 25(OH)D3 changed to 25(OH)D
3. (Methods section, Vitamin D assays sub section, Line 154, page 8): 25(OH)D3 changed to 25(OH)D

We have otherwise retained the draft in the original form which conformed to the BioMed Central editorial policies and formatting guidelines.

Thank you for receiving our revised manuscript and considering it for further review. We appreciate your time and look forward to your response.

Thank you

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