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The authors followed all recommendations. However, there are still few corrections.

L 94 - Replace pulmonary tuberculosis by PTB

L 134 - Replace MTB by MTBC

L 135 - Correct: "on analysis of AFB in resected lung tissues". Remove (find the acid fast bacilli).

L 164 - Replace Mycobacterium tuberculosis by M. Tuberculosis

L 237 - Replace Mycobacterium tuberculosis by Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex

L 278 - Replace MTB by MTBC

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