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To the Editor, BMC Infectious Diseases

Dr. Benny Yau

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Dear Editor,

I am pleased to resubmit for publication the revised manuscript "Plasmid-Based High-Resolution melting analysis for accurate detection of rpoB mutations in Mycobacterium tuberculosis isolates from Moroccan patients" to be considered for publication in "BMC Infectious Diseases". Manuscript reference: INFD-D-17-00594.
Thank you for your comments. In the following pages, we have addressed your remarks in a point by point format.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanking you,

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Response: Thank you for your comment. The contributions of authors MA, MDE, and MM were clarified in the “author’s contributions“ section (page 14, lines 19-22).

“MA and MDE participated in the conception and design of the study, contributed in the recruitment of participants and revised the manuscript critically. MM collected patient’s samples, performed phenotypic DST and helped in the acquisition of data and in the drafting of the manuscript.”

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