Author’s response to reviews

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FORMATTING CHANGES: Both completed

Editor's Comments:

1. Please move the "List of abbreviations" after conclusion section and before declaration.

2. Please note that all manuscripts must contain all the following sections under the heading 'Declarations'. The Declarations should follow the Conclusions section, and be before the References.

Declarations

- Ethics approval and consent to participate

- Consent to publish

- Availability of data and materials

- Competing interests

- Funding

- Authors' Contributions

- Acknowledgements
When a mandatory Declarations sub-heading is not relevant to your study design or article type, please write "Not applicable" in these sections.

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Editor's Comment #1. The manuscript is lacking a declaration about the ethical approval for research. It is mandatory for all manuscript submissions to contain a Declaration section entitled, “Ethical approval and consent to participate”. The full list of required declarations can be found on the submission guidelines pages.

Response #1: This has been added on page 7 under sample collection and handling. Samples were collected by biobanks and some went through an IRB approved protocol while others went through a waiver of consent process. All declarations are on page 1.

Editors Comment #2. At BMC, we strongly encourage authors to adhere to certain reporting guidelines. Since this study is a “diagnostic accuracy study” it should adhere to STARD reporting guideline (web address: stard-statement.org/).

Response #2: please see STARD Check List attached. Thank you.