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Title: Drug Resistance Patterns of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis Complex and Associated Factors among Retreatment Cases around Jimma, Southwest Ethiopia

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To: The Editors  

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Subject: Re-submission of original Article  

Dear Editors,

We, Kedir Abdella, Ketema Abdissa, Wakjira Kebede and Gemeda Abebe, are re-submitting our Original article titled “Drug Resistance Patterns of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis Complex and Associated Factors among Retreatment Cases around Jimma, Southwest Ethiopia to BMC Public Health for possible publication. We have addressed the editor’s comments line by line in the following pages. We believe that BMC Public Health is the right journal to disseminate our findings to researchers and policy makers timely.

Regards,

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Authors’ response to editor

We appreciate the editor for the constructive comments, which we have used to improve the quality of the paper. We have accommodated the comments line by line.

Comment 1.) Competing Interests

Please be advised that manuscripts must include a ‘Competing interests?’ section. This should be placed after the Conclusions/Abbreviations. If there are none to declare, please include the statement ‘The authors declare that they have no competing interests.’

Response: We appreciate the comment and now indicate in the text under competing interest “The authors declared that there is no competing interest.”

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Response: We now include the author contribution section and indicate under the section “KA was involved in the conception and design of the study, the lab work, analyzed the data and drafted the manuscript. KAb was involved in the design and reviewed the article. WK
participated in the design, critically reviewed and approved the article. GA was involved in the conception, design of the study, coordinated the lab work and review of the article. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.”

**Comment 3.) Acknowledgements**

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**Response:** We now included section for acknowledgement in the text and indicate, “The authors appreciate the study participants for their cooperation in providing the necessary samples and information. The study was funded by Jimma University and IUC-JU research project. The funders had no role in study design, data collection and analysis, decision to publish, or preparation of the manuscript.”