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The Editor
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Dear Editor,

Revised Manuscript Submission: Engaging Research Ethics Committees and Regulatory Authorities in the development of an Ethics and Governance Framework for Best Practice in Genomic research and Biobanking in Africa: the H3Africa Model

We are very grateful for the opportunity to submit a revised manuscript for publication. We have addressed all the comments on the decision letter that was sent to us as follows:

1. In the Authors' Contributions section, please specify the individual contributions of each of the authors to the manuscript.

We have revised the Authors’ contribution section with the following text:

PT, AY, CS, AM, KL, EM, NM and JD are all members of the H3Africa Ethics and Community Engagement Working Group who served as facilitators of the H3Africa REC engagement workshops. The paper reports on work that all the authors contributed to from the conceptualisation and drafting of the Ethics and Governance Framework for Best Practices in Genomic research and Biobanking in Africa. PT drafted the manuscript with substantive inputs from all authors. All authors reviewed and approved the final version of the paper.

2. As a reminder, please proofread and ensure that when you upload your revised submission that it is in the final form for publication.

We have read through the manuscript and corrected all errors and hope you will find the revised manuscript acceptable for publication.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paulina Tindana