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Dear Dr. Anete Trajman,

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript and providing us with such detailed feedback. I have responded to your insights by revising and shortening the manuscript as follows: The article now focuses more on the operational findings regarding the poor uptake for testing, rather than the prevalence of both conditions. Language in the discussion section has been revised to speculate rather than hypothesize that fees partially explain the findings. I have also acknowledged that the prevalence found in our sample has a risk of selection bias. I have removed Tables 2 and 3 which report socio-demographic data, as well as their associated results to shorten the manuscript and re-focus the report on low uptake.

I look forward to hearing from you and the peer-reviewers.

Many thanks and all the best,

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