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| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_AJRID\_140800** |
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| **Optional/General** comments | * ***Mycobacterium tuberculosis* should be in ITALIC.** * **A few spellings errors are highlighted.** | Noted and revised |

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