

## Review Form 1.6

Journal Name:	<a href="#">South Asian Journal of Research in Microbiology</a>
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Title of the Manuscript:	In the era of SARS-CoV-2: where we stand in tuberculosis diagnosis
Type of the Article	Review Article

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### PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<b>This is an interesting, well-written manuscript in which the authors review. The manuscript is well structured but some points must be corrected.</b> <b>1. Discuss the impact of SARS-CoV-2 in TB diagnosis.</b> <b>2. You only talked about the active diagnostic tools in MTB, but not about tuberculosis diagnosis tool in SARS-CoV-2 pandemic era. Simply you discussed the existed tools as it is, you didn't mention which diagnostic tool is more appropriate for tuberculosis diagnosis in TB-SARS-CoV-2 era. Please compare which method is more relevant to TB diagnosis in SARS-CoV-2 time.</b> <b>3. The discussion section looks weak.</b>	Thank you for the comments.  -Included the "impact of SARS-CoV-2 pandemic on TB diagnosis"  -Modified the discussion part
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	Abstract, Line 2: 1.2 million deaths annually. Make it 1.5. million deaths Keyword: Blood is not used as a key word, instead add SARS-CoV-2 Introduction Line 3: Mtb write in extended form <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> Line 15-18: please check the number of MDR/RR-TB cases <i>reported</i> Form last line 4: this review will focus..... this review focused	-In the abstract and introduction the number of deaths changed to 1.3 million -Keywords, SARS-CoV-2 added and blood is removed -Line 3 changed to <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> -Corrected "In 2020, 132 222 people with multidrug or Rifampicin (RIF)-resistant TB (MDR/RR-TB) cases and 25 681 cases of pre extensively drug resistant TB (pre-XDR-TB) or extensively drug resistant TB (XDR-TB) with a total of 157 903 total DR-TB were reported" -Corrected as "this review focused"
<b>Optional/General</b> comments		

### PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)	