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| | highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write |
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| Compaisory INE VISION Comments | |
| This is an interesting, well-written manuscript in which the authors review. The manuscript is well structured but some points must be corrected. 1. Discuss the impact of SARS-CoV-2 in TB diagnosis. 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. 3. The discussion section looks weak. | |
| Minor 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 | |
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