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Dear Editor,

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Title: An Epidemiological Perspective of Drug Resistant Extrapulmonary Tuberculosis

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer:

Reviewer 1

Comment: It is a good article, if possible should be updated reference to 2015.

Reply: Revised article has been updated by including relevant article published recently in year 2015.

Reviewer 2

Comment 1: Highlight of this article is table 1. If possible, can the authors shorten the manuscript?

Reply: We have taken care to minimize the repetition of table information into text and deleted a few sentences from the manuscript.

Comment 2: The probability of DR-TB is higher in PTB than EPTB. Therefore, when the physicians face the PTB, they will aware of DR-TB. In contrast, they may neglect when they face EPTB. Thus, I suggest the authors to review the prevalence of DR-EPTB in articles that give the data about DR-TB in patients who had only EPTB (no PTB).

Reply: We have again reviewed all tabulated articles and extracted the information on drug-resistant *M. tuberculosis* in cases of EPTB alone or in cases of EPTB concomitant pulmonary involvement. Surprisingly, only a few studies are available that excluded the possibility of concomitant pulmonary tuberculosis in EPTB cases.

Therefore, in response to reviewer's concern (for concomitant pulmonary tuberculosis), we have modified the Table 1 by including a column that shows the number of concomitant Pulmonary TB cases in each tabulated study.

Comment 3: If possible, please provide the outcome of treatment in DR-EPTB by summarize in Table 1 to make the readers realize in difficulty and poor outcome.

Reply: As per suggestion, a column for treatment outcomes of study is added in Table 1. Encouraged with reviewer's constructive suggestions and considering the impact of HIV in EPTB, we have added one additional column that shows information on HIV co-infection among EPTB cases in different tabulated studies. Besides above, some other corrections (spell check, references and its citation into text) are also made cautiously in order to improve this manuscript.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Clinical Infectious Diseases*.

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