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Answering reviewers

All requests incorporated. Audio is beyond my current skills/knowledge.

Only one address provided and now formatted as requested

Running title, author contributions and conflict of interest comments now added.

Punctuation moved as requested.

All available PMID and DOI provided and reference formats of book chapters and electronic journals corrected.

The revision encompasses all the recommendations of the first two reviewers, inserts headings (which should function better than the 3rd reviewer's suggested tabular form), but must reject the comments of the fourth reviewer. He/she emphasizes that laboratory studies are "complementary" to clinical analysis. And, that is precisely what the manuscript says. Laboratory studies do not make the diagnosis, but perhaps provide additional perspectives to the clinical. However, the manuscript does clearly document that he/she is wrong about ANA. If up to 30% of patients with lupus have a negative ANA, a negative ANA does not have great specificity for ruling out lupus.

The manuscript addresses the future of rheumatology. If the lab studies were sufficient for diagnosis, who would need a rheumatologist?