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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Figure 1 could be removed and numbers of HIV+ve/-ve patients be given in the text. Tables 2 and 3 could be combined and smear sensitivity/specificity included in the tables for greater clarity and ease of reference. Table 4 is unnecessary and replicates previous information. Discussion is long and in parts not related to the study findings. A focused discussion relevant to the results presented is required.	Thanks. All reviewer's comments are noteworthy and on point. Figure 1 stands removed Tables 2 and 3 have been combined Table 4 has been deleted Modifications in the discussion has been effected.
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