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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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Suggest have the paper evaluated by a statistician; logistic regression may be the more appropriate test to determine factors affecting discordance between AFB smear and culture. Also try to simplify tables 4-5; this may not be needed	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Suggest change title to "Factors affecting discordance between sputum smear and culture conversion..."	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	Very good study. Please clarify statement in lines 299-301: patients with resistance were still continued with conventional treatment?	

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