Cover letter

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To: Editor-in-Chief of Majalah Kedokteran Bandung (MKB) in Bandung, Indonesia

Dear Si,

We wish to submit an original research article entitled "**Performance Result Review of Xpert**® **MTB/RIF in detecting Multidrug-Resistance Tuberculosis in West Java, Indonesia**" for consideration by Majalah Kedokteran Bandung.

We confirm that this work is original and that the manuscript has not been published elsewhere, nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. We also confirm that there is no falsification or fabrication of data and no plagiated content in the article.

We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by Majalah Kedokteran Bandung because Indonesia is the 2nd highest tuberculosis (TB) case load in the world and there is a need of rapid detection to prevent TB transmission and mortality of which Xpert® MTB/RIF is proposed to answer the problem. This study aimed to assess the performance of Xpert® MTB/RIF test in West Java, Indonesia, including data of 4452 suspected MDR-TB patients. The Xpert® MTB/RIF examination in our study has a good performance for diagnosis of MDR-TB compared to *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* culture as gold standard, therefore, rapid Xpert® MTB/RIF examination is recommended for MDR-TB screening in TB high burden countries as a complement tool to reference standard test.

All authors of this manuscript have approved the final version of this submitted manuscript.

We have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Sincerely,

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Conflict of Interest Declaration

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is an original work and is not under review at any other publication. All authors of this manuscript have approved the final version of this submitted manuscript and there is no financial interest to report. This manuscript is ready for publication in the Majalah Kedokteran Bandung (MKB).

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