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Dear Editor,

On behalf of my co-authors, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the reviewers for their insightful feedback on our manuscript. We have carefully addressed each of the comments and have made the necessary revisions to improve the quality of our submission.

In our revised manuscript, all the major changes are highlighted in yellow, and we have referenced the corresponding line numbers for ease of review in our detailed response to the reviewers and editor. Additionally, we have updated the supplementary materials, including tables and figures, to incorporate the comments and additional data as suggested. Specifically, Supplementary Table 1 has been reformatted into an Excel file to accommodate the extensive metadata for the sequences, which were missing in the initial submission.

We believe that these revisions have strengthened our manuscript and hope that it will now be deemed suitable for publication in *Infectious Diseases of Poverty*.

Thank you for considering our submission.

Sincerely,



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