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Microbial Resource Announcements Editorial Office

Dear Dr. Putonti, Editor

Microbiology Resource Announcements

Thank you for handling the manuscript entitled: “TinselR – An RShiny Application for Annotating Outbreak Trees”, submitted for review at Microbial Resource Announcements. Please note that given the reviewer comment we have altered the title to reflect the reviewer’s suggestion. The title is now “TinselR – An R Shiny Application for Annotating Phylogenetic Trees.”

To address the reviewer’s comment about the requirement of R >= 3.6, we have included that within the manuscript, in the figure, and on the GitHub pages to highlight this minimum requirement for using the application. We have also adjusted some language for clarification within the manuscript. For completeness, we include both the ‘cleaned and accepted’ manuscript and the ‘track changes’ version of the manuscript.

One comment from the reviewer was unclear - “On one hand there isn't anything in the code that is specific to outbreaks? I wonder if there might be any other details on the metadata format - is it tab delimited?”. If this needs to be address, could we have clarification from the reviewer regarding this comment.

Finally, we want to thank you, the reviewer and the American Society for Microbiology for the time invested in the review process for this manuscript.

Sincerely,

Jennafer Hamlin