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Dear Professor Stark,

**Reference: HYG-OM-8089-MAR17 - Bovine Tuberculosis in Northern Ireland: Quantification of the population disease level effect from cattle leaving herds detected as a source of infection.**

I wish to submit this second revised version of the above manuscript for consideration of publication in *Epidemiology and Infection*. Reviewer one’s comments have been considered and incorporated into this manuscript, so my thanks to the reviewer for their time and effort. Along with changes to the manuscript I have also attached a document which provides a detailed response to each of the points raised by reviewer one on this second review of my paper. I look forward to hearing your view on the revised manuscript.

Yours faithfully

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