

### **Editor's Comment:**

Accepted.

All reviewers agreed that the manuscript is important for the scientific community, highlighting its relevance in the diagnosis of Cryptococcus infections.

The reviewers found the title suitable, the abstract comprehensive, and the structure appropriate. However, one reviewer suggested adding a detailed method section to improve the manuscript.

The manuscript was deemed scientifically correct, with sufficient and recent references.

The language was deemed suitable for scholarly communication.

One reviewer suggested a minor title adjustment by removing "Paint It Black," but the author preferred to retain it for thematic emphasis.

Enhancement of the methods section was recommended to clarify the review process and the number of articles reviewed.

The revised manuscript retains the original title and enhances the description of the negative staining process, ensuring a detailed and clear methodology.

It elaborates on the clinical relevance and diagnostic procedures using India Ink, providing a robust discussion on its application and limitations.

The manuscript maintains a comprehensive abstract and introduction, reiterating the significance of the study in resource-limited settings.

Based on the thorough revisions addressing the reviewers' concerns and the manuscript's alignment with the journal's standards, it appears to be scientifically robust and technically sound. The authors have effectively incorporated the feedback, improving the clarity and depth of the manuscript.

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