Reviewer's report

Title: Role of rapid urease test and histopathology in the diagnosis of Helicobacter pylori infection in a developing country

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General

I am happy with the statistical content and calculations of sensitivity, specificity, NPV, PPV, LR- and LR+.

However in the Abstract the Conclusion reads "... rapid urease test was significantly reduced..." I am not sure how the authors arrived at this as no formal statistical test was carried out.

I should also draw your attention to the small sample sizes. Although I am not am advocate of calculating retrospective sample sizes, the authors do need to comment on this as the results are far from been generalizable.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)