Reviewer’s report

Title: Multiplex PCR technique could be an alternative approach for early detection of leprosy among close contacts - a pilot study from India

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The manuscript is much improved with the new data on BI and discussion points regarding comparisons with other PCR testing of similar patient populations. There remains a problem in Table 1a: Left column, 3rd category…”Patients released from treatment…” The uppercase (c) doesn’t show up in the Table.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests