Reviewer's report

Title: Circulating levels of Insulin-like Growth Factor-I (IGF-I) correlate with disease status in leprosy

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There is a need to identify early biomarkers for leprosy. The authors demonstrated that circulating levels of IGF-I and IGFBP-3 levels were lower towards the lepromatous pole compared with the tuberculoid type of leprosy or healthy controls. Also, the levels were low during active disease and during reaction.

The findings are interesting and of significance.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.