Reviewer's report

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

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**Reviewer:** David Scollard

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The authors have revised the manuscript nicely and have responded to my concerns.

My final suggestion is that the wording used in their reply to my comment #11 be incorporated into the text of the manuscript, because it states the case very clearly, i.e.:

"While lower levels of IGF-I/IGFBP-3 might be reflective of high immune-suppression levels, a controlled immune-inflammatory response, and high clinical stability in NR LL patients, higher levels of this hormone in R LL patients might indicate reduction of suppression and ENL development.

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

**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