Reviewer's report

**Title:** Detection of hydrogen peroxide-producing *Lactobacillus* species in the vagina: a comparison of culture and quantitative PCR among HIV-1-seropositive women

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**Reviewer:** Camila Marconi

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The authors addressed all points raised by the reviewers and the manuscript is currently presented in a form that is acceptable for publication if minor essential revisions are made.

- **Major Compulsory Revisions**
  1. The conclusion of the abstract should be re-written focusing on the main conclusion of the manuscript. The information regarding the percentage of positive samples for the microorganisms is out of context there and would be better placed with the results.

- **Minor Essential Revisions**
  1. The term “*Lactobacillus*” appears without italic in several parts of the manuscript.
  2. Please substitute PCR by qPCR that was the technique actually performed.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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