Reviewer's report

Title: An outbreak investigation of visceral leishmaniasis among residents of Dharan town, eastern Nepal, evidence for urban transmission of Leishmania donovani

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The authors present a well defined problem for which they have provided very clear and thoughtful rational for their data collection and analyses. The issue of using case recollection of living conditions at the time of VL diagnosis could potentially be a negative impact factor on the overall analyses; in this regard the authors should be commended for their tacit acknowledgement of this, and their efforts to counter-act such an affect (analysis including only cases from 2005) if it was indeed a factor (which it would appear not to be). The manuscript is very well presented and makes for enjoyable and reading and understanding.

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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