Reviewer's report

Title: Serum IL-10 as a marker of severe dengue infection

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The discussion about the suitability of IL-10 as biomarker has been improved, it has been made clear that IL-10 is not suitable as a prognostic marker. The difficulty of associating a given time point of disease with clinical symptoms has been discussed, and this is indeed important for the interpretation of the results.

Two minor points remain:

Instead of mentioning p values only in the text it would be helpful for the reader to see them in the Figure legend and/or to the figure.

The reference to Figures and tables in the text is still very poor. Data are described but it is not mentioned in which Figure/Table they can be found.

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