Reviewer's report

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I have read with interest the paper. It has clearly been reviewed before and apparently there were few required changes.

The article is of importance in its field. The study has been well carried out as a multicenter focus on acute schistosomiasis in travellers and PCR diagnosis - the study has been well undertaken and the results are solid. Would the authors recommend the diagnostic assay for routine use on the returning traveller and what would be the cost of such a test? Their response could be included in a modified Discussion.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests