Reviewer's report

Title: Evaluation of real-time PCR for diagnosis of Bordetella pertussis infection

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General
In TPR PCR assay authors designed a set of primers and a probe (not used/tested before by others, as indicated by author’s letter of response) for an established TaqMan platform based PCR using primer express software supplied and supported by Applied Biosystems a well known vendor in PCR field. However the sentences such as “A novel real-time PCR targeting ….” in page 2 under Results, continues to provide a misleading notion as if a new platform based PCR has been designed. Authors should change the word and sentences appropriately.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions