Reviewer's report

**Title:** HLA-DR and HLA-DQ alleles in patients from the south of Brazil: markers for leprosy susceptibility and resistance

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**Reviewer:** Milton O Moraes

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It seems that authors reviewed very carefully the paper according to referee's instructions. It is a nice presentation of a case-control study studying HLA region.

In page 2 authors should suppress the word macrophage: "intracellular macrophage pathogen Mycobacterium leprae"

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'