Reviewer’s report

Title: Evaluation of surveillance case definition in the diagnosis of leptospirosis, using the Microscopic Agglutination Test

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Thankyou for your responses to the earlier review. Only the following needs revision.

The Results first paragraph still needs refinement to better describe the 57 MAT positive results. The use of the wording positive MAT results/cases should be revisited or the sentence changed to better describe whether the authors are referring to cases or results as it is confusing.

"A total of 123 patients were recruited and 73 had clinical features compatible with surveillance case definition of which 57 patients had positive MAT results. Total number of MAT positive cases was 62, therefore 5 were false negatives"

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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'