Reviewer's report

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I still think that WIDAL is an unreliable test for enteric fever and scientifically it is hard for me to accept the certainty of the diagnosis using the WIDAL test.

I also think that in this setting typhus (scrub and murine) and leptospirosis are also in the running in the differential diagnosis.

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:

No competing interest.