Reviewer's report

Title: Housing equity for health equity--A rights-based approach to the control of Lassa fever in post-war Sierra Leone

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Many new items improved the paper, and I have only few comments.

- Again, the text does not fit to the guidelines of the journal
- Remove figure 1 and just refer to Fichet-Calvet & Rogers because it does not give additional value to the paper.
- Page 5: Where can we get the ref 19?
- Page 6: Authors state that the endemic area expanded recently to the North. But old epidemiological studies in the eighties revealed a seroprevalence of 10 to 15% in villages located in the northern province (McCormick et al 1987). A fatal case in 2010 in this province confirms this old study only, and reflects the improved Lassa detection in Sierra Leone. Furthermore, ref 25 refers to a ProMed mail, which is totally inaccurate till the laboratory publishes the results. Where are the statistics supporting the increasing Lassa fever cases since 2004 in Kenema?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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