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Reviewer: Rafal Krenke

Comments to authors:

The revised manuscript submitted by Li et al. has improved as compared to its previous version. However, I have still found two points which should be corrected before the final decision about the publication is made.

The major one is the language, which is far from ideal.

Thanks again for your critical reading. We tried our best to reedit this revised manuscript with very kind help offered by a person who comes from English speaking country.

The second comment refers to the differences between the diagnostic yield of different biomarkers. The authors state that the sensitivity, specificity, accuracy and the area under the curve (AUC) for TNF-#, IFN-# and ADA2 were significantly higher than respective values for ADA. On the other hand, all p values presented in the Table 3 and also in the manuscript text are higher than 0.05. Please, provide a reliable information on these differences.

Thanks. Again, it was our English. We made a mistake on the description of these results. It should not be 'significantly higher'. There were some differences but no statistical significance was found among the AUCs of all these three bio parameters in our study. We have corrected the expression and described the result properly in this revised version.

Reviewer: Zhiquan Wang
Comments to authors:
I have read the revised manuscript and I think the author could address my concerns so I support the publication of this paper.
Thanks a lot. We do appreciate your help for supporting the publication of our manuscript.