Reviewer’s report

Title: The performance of rapid plasma reagin (RPR) titer in HIV-negative general paresis after neurosyphilis therapy

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Reviewer: Hanna Jarva

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The aim was to test whether RPR titer could be used in follow-up of neurosyphilis patients. Does this mean serum RPR or CSF RPR? I understand that this means serum RPR but this should be clarified. Furthermore, it is still unclear in several places whether RPR titer refers to serum titer or CSF titer. Some of the limitations of this study are listed but their influence on the results is not discussed. The limitations should be taken into account when drawing conclusions. Discussion, p. 9, lines 18-21: these sentences are practically copied from my comment. Please, reformulate in your own words. There are numerous language errors. The language must be checked.

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