Reviewer's report

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**Reviewer:** Kathryn Maitland

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I am happy with the responses. My questioning of the %parasitaemia was really to understand why classification with parasitaemia level used 2 different approaches. I am very happy now this has been explained. I did not imply that they needed to excluded study participants re:

We would therefore need to exclude the Indian data if we presented the data in the way that Professor Maitland proposes!

I would urge the authors to openly report why there was no data on platelet counts on all patients- from their explanation their does not seem that the sampling method is biased. Best to make this clear

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

Only competing interests are that I have published with this 'group' in the last 5 years.
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