Reviewer’s report

Title: Cholera diagnosis in human stool and detection in water: protocol for a systematic review of available technologies

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This review once completed would be useful for clinicians practicing in endemic regions for cholera. I note some minor improvements to this protocol.

Databases searched: Suggest to include SCOPUS

Languages included: Though authors state there will be no language restrictions, in practice there will be language restrictions. So it will be good if they specify which languages are included.

Types of studies included: Authors state they will include "retrospective" studies and case control studies. It is unclear how diagnostic tests can be evaluated by retrospective analysis.

Gold standard: what is the gold standard for diagnosis? In situations where this is not available for comparison how will you determine a positive case?

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