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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</a> |
| Manuscript Number:       | Ms_IJTDH_36691                                                         |
| Title of the Manuscript: | How Useful is the Widal Test in Modern Clinical Practice? A Review     |
| Type of the Article      | Review Paper                                                           |

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

|                                            | <b>Reviewer's comment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Author's comment</b> (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b><u>Compulsory</u></b> REVISION comments | <p><b>Line 3:</b> I think the paper title is incomplete. I propose "How useful is the Widal test in modern clinical practice <b>in developing countries</b>? A review</p> <p>Indeed, all your statements and arguments are focused mainly on developing countries as these are resources-limited.</p> <p><b>Line 12:</b> add "<b>Modern clinical practice</b>" and "<b>Developing countries</b>" as keywords</p> <p><b>Lines 25-34:</b> You have to present a flowchart depicting why (reasons) documents you looked into were excluded from the study.</p> | <p>The title of the article has been adjusted as recommended to include "<b>in developing countries</b>"</p> <p>Line 25-34: We have reviewed our stored references critically and cited all the references that are relevant to this review. A few that were not relevant have been discarded. We have adjusted the appropriate sections of the review to reflect this. These sections are outlined in yellow colour.</p> |
| <b><u>Minor</u></b> REVISION comments      | <p><b>Lines 57-60:</b> Add one reference to this statement:<br/> <i>"Less common modes of transmission include sexual transmission (oral-anal, oral-penile, and receptive anal transmission) and transmission through the use of unsterilized instruments (endoscopes, polyvinyl duodenal tube or rectal tube)."</i></p> <p><b>Line 80:</b> change "antigens" to "<b>antibodies</b>"</p> <p><b>Lines 102-103:</b> You should begin a sentence with a capital</p>                                                                                            | <p>Line 57-60: References have been supplied</p> <p>Line 80: "antigens" changed to "<b>antibodies</b>"</p> <p>Lines 102-103: correction made</p> <p>Line 110: correction made</p> <p>Table 2: "false positive" changed to "false <b>negative</b>"</p> <p>Line 162: "forth" changed to "<b>fourth</b>"</p>                                                                                                                 |



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|                                  | <p>letter</p> <p><b>Line 110:</b> You should begin a sentence with a capital letter</p> <p><b>Table 2:</b> change “false positive” to “false negative”</p> <p><b>Line 162:</b> change “forth” to “fourth”</p> <p><b>Lines 22 and 306:</b> change “populace” to “population”</p> | <p>Lines 22 and 306: “populace” changed to “population”</p> |
| <u>Optional/General</u> comments | <p>This paper was excellently good written. I have had much pleasure to read it. Congratulations dear researchers!!!!</p>                                                                                                                                                       |                                                             |