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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	In the present manuscript the authors evaluate the cutaneous leishmaniasis (CL) in patients attending at a referral hospital in Zliten, North West of Libya. A total of 420 patients were investigated and found infected with CL. The authors have reported that the annual incidence of the disease and presence of new human cases was noticeably increased in 2016. The work was conducted from Nov.2010 to Dec. 2016. The manuscript is interesting under the epidemiological point of view. However as addressed by the authors, the pattern of CL has changed as compared to previous years. Consequently, the genetic characterization of the <i>Leishmania</i> strains from new human cases is missing as well as identification of insect vector and possible animal reservoir. I recommend that in order to improve the results, Discussion should be more comprehensive, robust and based on a recent paper (Amro et al, 2017 PlosNeg Trop Dis) reporting the spatiotemporal and molecular epidemiology of CL in Libya .	Our study represents and explains epidemiological features in one city, which is Zliten, in very wide geographical area, North West of Libya ,so we would change the title of our manuscript into Cutaneous Leishmaniasis in Zliten, a new focus in North West of Libya . Zliten Teaching Hospital is referral centre for Zliten and its suburbs. Discussion was re-written and several recent studies were used to make the discussion more comprehensive and update.
Minor REVISION comments	Discussion should be enhanced An English revision of the whole text is recommended	Discussion was enhanced and English in whole text was revised.
Optional/General comments		