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Peer Review Report for "*Blastocystis hominis*: A Pathogenic Parasite"

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Revision (0)

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Shirzad Fallahi: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 12 Mar 2020

Dear AE,
I found the paper technically sound, clearly written, and the method comparisons convincing.
A few modifications are needed to be acceptable before publication.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 19 Apr 2020

Dear AE,
This is an interesting manuscript about the pathogenesis of the Blastocystis hominis. There is a lot of debate about whether or not this protozoan is pathogenic. But what is confirmed is that amoeboid form of this microorganism is considered pathogenic and responsible for the manifestation of clinical symptoms, including a variety of intestinal conditions. The manuscript is well organized. The literature is well-reviewed, and the conclusions seem to be adequately based on the data presented and background cited. This manuscript is rigorous and provides a useful contribution to its area of research and could be published. Only authors should rewrite the list of references based on the journal format.
Thanks.

Bita Pourkaveh: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 21 Jun 2020

Dear EIC
The reviewer(s) have recommended publication, but also suggest some minor revisions to the manuscript. Therefore, I invite the author to respond to the reviewer(s)' comments and revise his manuscript.
Kind regards,

Masoud Mardani: EIC | **Revision** (0) 21 Jun 2020

Dear Author,
Your article is reviewed by the reviewers carefully. According to their comments, this document needs minor revision. Please follow their comments as requested.
Thanks.

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You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

Dear Editor-in-Chief,

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On behalf of the authors of the manuscript ID Number 97388 entitled " *Blastocystis hominis*: a pathogenic parasite"

I would like to appreciate the valuable reviewers' comments and draw your attention to the responses as follow:

1- References were revised and corrected base on correct format.

Thank you in advance and I look forward to hearing from you.

Farnaz Kheirandish
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REFEREE: EIC | **Revision (1)** 5 Jul 2020

Dear Author,
The document is reviewed carefully by the reviewers. According to their comments and your revisions as requested, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks.