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Peer Review Report for "Molecular Assay of *Staphylococcal* Enterotoxin E in Synovial Fluid of Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis"

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Submit Date:	22 Jul 2017
Revised Date:	20 Aug 2017
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Revision (0)

Here, you can see the **Reviewers**, **Associate Editors** and **EICs'** comments from the beginning to the end of the revision process.

REFEREE : Reviewer

31 Jul 2017

Dear AE
The following comments are recommended.
1. The abbreviation words should be corrected in the abstract.
2. Genus and species should be italic.
3. The article's grammar should be reviewed and corrected
4. Where is the study done?
5. What is the name of the extraction kit?
6. Ladder characteristics should be written.
7. Photo characteristics should be written.

8. Discussion is weak and should be improved.
Best regard.

REFEREE : Associate Editor

2 Aug 2017

Dear EIC
Please ask the author to correct and answer the following comments.
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Best regards.

Hamidreza Kouhpayeh : EIC

2 Aug 2017

Dear Author
This manuscript is acceptable based on the reviewer's opinion.
Best regards.
EIC

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

Dear reviewers

Thanks for your comments

I would like inform you that I have done all your comments one by one as bellow:

1- Abbreviation word was revised and corrected

2- Genus and species word made italic form

3- I try the revised and correct the grammatical points

4- this study was carried out in medical laboratory of Baqiyatallah university medical Sciences

5- the name of the DNA extraction kit from SF was Cinapure DNA extraction kit (CinnaGen Co, thehran Iran

6- . Ladder label was adding near the figure and photo characteristics have

7- Discussion was revised and improved.

Thanks again

Best Regards

Ataee

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REFEREE : Reviewer — 24 Aug 2017

Dear AE
According to the amendments made, this article is appropriate for publication in this journal.
BEST REGARD

REFEREE : Associate Editor — 26 Aug 2017

Dear EIC
According to the reviewer's opinion, this article is appropriate for publication in this journal.
BEST REGARD.

Hamidreza Kouhpayeh : EIC — 13 Sep 2017

Dear Author
Congratulations
Hereby, we announce that your manuscript has been accepted for publication in the International Journal of Infection. The manuscript will be available online in future issues.
Wish you all the best.