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Title of the Manuscript:	Utilization of QuantiFERON-TB Gold In-Tube for TB Diagnosis with Reference to other Immunological Tests of Iraqi Patients
Type of the Article	

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Introduction is too long: in particular, lines 34-91 do not seem relevant to the study. On the other hand, data on Onsite Tb IgG/IgM should be provided in this section 2) Methods: As repeatedly stated by the authors IGRAs represent an aid in diagnosing Tb infection; however, IGRAs do not distinguish from latent and active Tb. How was active Tb diagnosed? Was any distinction made between active Tb and latent Tb patients? 3) Methods: there is no reference to ABO and/or Rh testing in this section 4) Results: lines 285-286. What does "highest positive" refer to? Number of patients positive for QFT-GIT, Onsite TB, PPD? All 3? Please state clearly. 5) Results: A demographic table (i.e. age, sex etc) indicating the characteristics of the patients enrolled together with the percentage of positive QFT-GIT/PPD/ Onsite Tb igG/IgM may help interpret the first lines of the results section. 	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Line 179: QFT-GIT is an abbreviation used for the first time in the text, please correct 2) Line 243: indicate how many months was plasma stored for 3) Table 2 has an overstating caption (diagnostic significance of QFT-GIT) 	



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<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The manuscript is difficult to understand in some parts. It should be reviewed by a native English language speaker.	

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