



## SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

### PART 1:

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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE &amp; Health</a> |
| Manuscript Number:       | 2015_IJTDH_16321                                                       |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Mycobacterial Infections in Humans: Buruli Ulcer in West Africa        |
| Type of the Article      | Original Research Article                                              |

### PART 2:

| FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Authors' response to final evaluator's comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <p>The authors attempted to answer some of the questions without effecting changes in the manuscripts. E.g. Lines 58-59 in original manuscript, and Lines 57-58 in the revised manuscripts.</p> <p>Similarly, the authors were asked to present/provide/include additional data in table 3 (ct values for positive and negative controls) and table 4 (VNTR profile for positive control), and the requested information were not included in the revised manuscript.</p> <p>The authors mention that the paper by Narh et al might not have been published at the time their manuscript was being written. However, there are other papers that discussed the pathoadaptation and that were published long before this paper. The suggestion to refer to these manuscripts is meant to improve the quality of the paper. I suggest the authors refer to this and other literature in their paper.</p> <p>The authors should undertake the sequencing of the samples as suggested, and include the results, in order to improve the quality of this paper.</p> | <p><b>Answer:</b> We agree with the authors and we have removed the lines-57-58.</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> We have included in Table 3 additional value Ct of positive DNA control and the same value were included in the revised manuscript Linie 176. Negative control has not detected Ct because water was using as negative template control (NTC) by real time PCR</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> We have included in the revised manuscript, the findings reported by Narh et al 2015 for the evidence of microhabitat preference or pathoadaptation of mycobacteria in Linie 253-246 for the quality of the paper.</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> We have not undertake the sequencing results in this manuscript, the sequencing project of Ivory Coast will submitted as a second manuscript with whole genome of MU in endemic sites. We are not able to communicate partial sequencing result in this study at this time because this study will focussed on MIRU-VNTR by PCR-typing.</p> |