#### **Reviewer Report**

# Title: Impact of reference design on estimating SARS-CoV-2 lineage abundances from wastewater sequencing data

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