Peer Review of “Emergence of the First Strains of SARS-CoV-2 Lineage B.1.1.7 in Romania: Genomic Analysis”

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General Comments
This paper [1] reports the identification and characterization of the SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.7 variant (the English variant) in North-East Romania and a synopsis of the circulation of this variant in Romania. The manuscript is timely, straightforward, and professionally crafted, and the results are of interest for the characterization of SARS-CoV-2 strains. Such routine surveys are necessary to trace the emergence of new variants of interest and are scarce in Eastern Europe.

Minor Comments
The manuscript needs some revision of English. It is generally well prepared, but there are several instances in which it could benefit from a professional revision.

Conflicts of Interest
None declared.

Reference