

Reviewer's report

Title: Exploring the Association Between Morgellons Disease and Lyme Disease: Identification of *Borrelia burgdorferi* in Morgellons Disease Patients.

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Reviewer: Robert Bransfield

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This is a very comprehensive paper that will become a major contribution towards the better understanding of Morgellons disease. I recommend acceptance and do not recommend any major or minor revisions.

Discretionary Revisions:

There was limited discussion on the role of tick-borne co-infections. As noted in this paper "other tick-borne co-infections appear to play a role in this dermatopathy." (480-481) It would be interesting to see more discussion on MD and other tick-borne co-infections in this or subsequent articles.

Abstract, I am aware there is a word limitation that may not allow these suggestions. line 40. Suggest revising to read-delusional or delusional parasitosis...

The clinical classification scheme (529-543) was quite interesting and it would have been useful to make a reference to this classification scheme in the abstract.

Level of interest: An exceptional article

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.