Reviewer's report

Title: Outbreak of leptospirosis among triathlon participants in Germany, 2006

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Discretionary Revisions: I think that the authors offered sufficient serological evidence. However, isolation of the pathogen is always the first important in medical microbiological diagnosis. If the authors did not perform the isolation as well as pathogen identification for serovar typing, please state the reason in the discussion. As described as above, pathogenic Leptospira species have many animal hosts. For example, rats, frogs, swine and cattle are the most common hosts related to human leptospirosis. As a epidemiological data, it is better to discuss the possible animal hosts to cause this outbreak.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.