Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Probable Late Lyme disease: A variant manifestation of untreated Borrelia burgdorferi infection.

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**Reviewer:** Raphael Stricker

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**General Comments**

The authors have done a satisfactory job of addressing the reviewer comments. A few issues remain.

**Major Comments**

1. Pages 4 and 10: The term "significant minority" is meaningless because the true denominator for these patients is unknown. The authors should simply say "significant number".

2. Page 18: The term "small but interesting" is misleading for the same reason. The authors should simply say "interesting" and leave out the small part.

3. Page 17: The authors mention Babesiosis coinfection that was not tested for. They should also include Anaplasmosis, Ehrlichiosis, Bartonellosis and Rickettsiosis coinfections that were not evaluated.

**Minor Comments**

1. Page 12: omit "blot"

2. Page 15 and elsewhere; B. burgdorferi

3. Page 16: criteria, fibromyalgia-like

4. Page 17: will, not with

5. Page 1: Did all three authors contribute equally to the work? They all have asterisks.

**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