Reviewer's report

Title: Epidemiological and Clinical Features of Human Rabies Cases in Bali 2008-2010

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The authors have addressed most of the points raised and revised the paper to make the methods section, in particular, clearer to the reader. I suggest however few major revisions as follows:

1) Authors’ statement in the conclusion of the abstract and the text is incorrect. Rabies related deaths are not due to lack of awareness and lack of RIG exclusively, but a combination of non-vaccination and absence of wound cleansing. Receiving RIG without vaccination does not protect against rabies. In contrast, vaccination without RIG can save lives. Your statement is misleading. Please correct

2) In discussion section, 3rd paragraph before end: should read rabies prevention for humans is all about awareness… most efficient measure to protect humans is actually vaccination of dogs!

3) In discussion section, 2nd paragraph before end: please change from eradicate the epidemic to eliminate rabies as eradicate means elimination of the disease from the planet; secondly we don't eradicate an epidemic

4) Please consider changing the labeling of numbers on fig 2 (map): # (#%) instead of (# / #%) 

5) Please check carefully language and typos errors: e.g. "those potentially exposed" not potential...

6) Finally, please consider beefing up your conclusion on recommending strongly the public health authorities in Bali in collaboration with Veterinary services to eliminate rabies from the island: every efforts should be made to ensure elimination ....

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests