Reviewer's report

Title: Localizing chronic Q fever: a challenging query

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Minor text related items

1. p.14 first paragraph, line 14 first word "ileac" referring the the iliac bone of the pelvis should be spelt "iliac".

2. Page 8 second paragraph "present >3 months after acute infection in combination with (1) (worsening of) valvular defects not meeting the modified Duke criteria OR (2) a known aneurysm and/or vascular or cardiac valve" - I should like the authors to tidy up the text "1. (worsening of) ..." I think they could write this in a sentence without brackets.

More important items for author attention

1. Table 3

Screening CT Aneurysm 2

Suggestive of infected aneurysm 0

Fluid collection/abscess 1

I would have thought that fluid collection/abscess (the third heading was essentially the same as "Suggestive of infected aneurysm" Perhaps the authors could consider this.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

None competing interests