Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Characterisation of inflammatory response, coagulation, and radiological findings in acute Katayama syndrome: a report of three cases at the Medical University of Vienna, Austria

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The report describes 3 cases of acute schistosomiasis presenting in Austria among patients with a recent exposure history in Tanzania.

**Major Compulsory Revisions**

1. Two cases were confirmed by serology but one was not. The latter case is probable rather than confirmed schistosomiasis. This should be discussed.
2. The authors should describe why they believe liver opacities were observed and should discuss briefly the differential diagnosis of these 3 cases.
3. The novel observation is of activation of coagulation although it is not clear how such observations may contribute to the pathophysiology of acute schistosomiasis. Do the authors believe that these are relevant to our understanding of acute schistosomiasis and if so, how?

**Minor Essential Revisions**

1. The report should be reviewed by a native English speaker - there are numerous errors that need correction.