Reviewer's report

Title: Bartonella seropositivity in children with Henoch-Schonlein purpura

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Reviewer: Abdullah Sakarcan

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General

I reviewed the article titled "Bartonella seropositivity in children with Henoch-Schonlein" by Joan L Robinson. It attempts to explain the serological evidence of Bartonella in HSP patients. It is a well-written article, that requires some revisions.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The number of children with current HSP were few. Why? To me current HSP would have provided more definitive data than remote HSP.
What is the definition of remote HSP?
The discussion is too long.
The last paragraph of the discussion about the role of antibiotics in HSP in relation to B. henselae and the paragraph before the last paragraph about the cats in humid climates are excessive

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.