Reviewer’s report

Title: Mediterranean spotted fever: clinical and laboratory characteristics of 415 Sicilian children and evaluation of different therapeutic strategies.

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General

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

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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)

Page 3. Background.
- In would be better to call this chapter “Introduction”
- There are several sentences, which need references
- The sentence regarding the RMSF can be omitted

Page 4 and 5.
- Tables 1 and 3 should be omitted and the contents included in the text

Page 6.
First paragraph
- The antibody titers are not shown in Table 1
Second paragraph
- Details regarding treatment of 2 patients with clanthomycin and 9 with azithromycin are not shown in Table 4

Page 7. Discussion
- The case report should not be in the discussion.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

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