Reviewer’s report

Title: Adult systemic cat scratch disease associated with therapy for hepatitis C

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Reviewer: Manuel Romero-Gómez

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General
The case report form Bhatti and Berenson is the first case reported of CSD during peginterferon plus
ribavirin therapy in a patient with chronic hepatitis C.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be
reached)
None.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author
can be trusted to correct)
The presentation of the case could be improved adding a few data:
1.- It could be interesting to know if the patient reached sustained virological response or not.
2.- Which type of antibodies were detected IgM or IgG?. Did the titre change during follow-up?.
3.- When biopsy is available PCR could support the diagnosis as discussed by authors. I suggest to discus
the role of immunohistochemistry using monoclonal antibodies against cat scratch disease in the
confirmation of the diagnosis when a lymph node is available.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No