Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Pierluigi Toniutto

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General
The manuscript has been revised considering the suggestion provided by the reviewers.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
A crucial point must be clarified before the fully acceptance of the paper: the length of the time elapsed from the first clinical manifestations of the disease to the first admission to Buffalo Clinic. This is important since what correctly appeared as unusual systemic manifestation of CSD could previously presented for many weeks as a classic form of CSD in the adult.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
Since the authors affirm that a dose of 180 mcg of pegylated interferon alpha 2b was used, this suggests that the body weight of the patient was 120 kg. Is this correct? Moreover, interferon is usually administered subcutaneously and not intramuscularly. The authors should specify why this patient has been treated with the intramuscularly administration of pegylated interferon.

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, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.