Reviewer's report

Title: Epidemiological investigations of human rabies in China

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The paper is quite interesting and even shocking. China is only next to India as far as human rabies deaths are concerned. The manuscript could be made a bit shorter and the English needs some serious attention from the English department at their university. I have a very serious problem with an item in METHODS. The authors state that brain specimen of domestic dogs were RANDOMLY COLLECTED AND TESTED BY FAT. They found the rabies infection rate in dogs to be 8.2 % !!!! This is incredible if the samples were truly random (captured or collected and killed at random). I assume that in reality they took randomly from dogs submitted for testing. This surely would not be a random sample but one where the dogs had either died naturally or were killed for some reason (usually sick or mean).

The authors must address these issues in some detail.