Reviewer's report

Title: Epidemiological and Clinical Characteristics of the Autumn-Winter Type Scrub Typhus Patients in Northern China

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Reviewer's report:

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
   No.
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
   No.
3. Are the data sound?
   Yes, the data were quite comprehensive.
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   No. The title of the manuscript did not provide that cause.
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   No. Discussion was too long, general and redundant.
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
   No.
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
   No. There are several references that should be cited and referred to.
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
   No. The title of the manuscript should be change to fit the content.
9. Is the writing acceptable?
   Yes, but with revision have been made.

#- Major Compulsory Revisions

The author must respond to these before a decision on publication can be reached. For example, additional necessary experiments or controls, statistical mistakes, errors in interpretation.

All comments are belonged this category

Level of interest: An article of limited interest
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'