Reviewer’s report

Title: The First Clinical Case due to AP92 like strain of Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever Virus and A Field Survey

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Although the authors tried to prepare a paragraph with the material of the study, further attempts are needed: The first two sentences of the "Survey in the Region" (Seven hundred forty one samples ....and IgG) have to be transferred in the paragraph of the index case and material, just after the sentence about the four districts.

In addition, "In total 56 ticks were collected from the same residential areas", has to be transferred also in the same paragraph. In total, the material paragraph will contain the index case, the total number of sera tested and the total number of ticks tested. Then, in another paragraph the authors have to describe the methods, first the serologic methods (ELISA IgG, IgM, the simultaneous testing of sera, etc), and then the molecular and statistical methods.

Which day of illness was the ELISA IgG and IgM testing of the index case performed? It is important to give this information, and it would be nice to know the titers or the optical densities in relation to the cut-off. How long the child was hospitalized? Leucocyte and platelet counts are needed. How was the child treated? Criteria for ribavirin administration or not could be discussed.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests