Reviewer's report

Title: Potential and Actual Rabies Exposure in People and Domestic Animals, Upstate South Carolina, 1995-2003: A Surveillance Study

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Discretionary Revisions

Introduction:
Reference 5 should be updated (new version in 2008)

Discussion:
P 11: protocols for rabies preventive vaccination in cats and dogs should be detailed.

General comment:
The authors should read the paper by O'Bell et all: Human rabies exposures and post exposure prophylaxis in South Carolina 1993-2002. Public Health Report 2006-121, and comment their results in view of this larger study.

Conclusion:
Given the bias in the, it should not be concluded that domestic animal victims are "sixteen" times more likely to be exposed to rabies than people.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests' below