Reviewer's report

Title: Furuncular myiasis of the breast caused by the African Tumbu Fly (Cordylobia anthropophaga).

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Title:
In the title, the synonym “tumbu fly” could be omitted and the “larvae” should be added; the running head line »Furuncular myiasis of the breast caused by the larvae of Cordylobia anthropophaga« could serve as the final head line.

Abstract:
1. In the background and also in the other parts of the article, larvae (not maggots) of Cordylobia anthropophaga fly should be used. It is also necessarily to mention that Cordylobia anthropophaga fly is endemic in tropical Africa. Italics names of different flies mentioned in the article and in the abstract should not be bold and underlined. Different clinical manifestations like Tuberculosis, Mycosis, Actinomycosis, Furunculosis, Chronic breast Absces, Fungating Malignancies, Right Breast, Carcinoma, Cellulitis Mammography, Ultrasonography as well as the names of antibiotics should not be written in capital letters.

2. In the case presentation it is necessary to stress that 70 year old women (the fact that she is a widow it is not important) is from tropical Africa, endemic area of Cordylobia anthropophaga.

3. Equally, there is no clear conclusion in the abstract and in the text; it is necessary to mention that this disease –case report- of tropical Africa can be misdiagnosed because of mimicking other diseases and therefore it should be more often included in the differential diagnosis of the breast diseases especially in patients in endemic areas and in people returning from these areas.
How to prevent this infection should be included in the discussion!

Introduction:
In the first sentence, the part - which, at least for certain period, feed on the host's dead or living tissue.......- can be omitted, because for myiasis it is not important where and how the flies are feeding.
Also second paragraph- Myiasis may be described as obligatory, facultative...
- can be omitted because it is known that human myiasis is always only accidental.
Two sentences in the third paragraph are the same as in the article of Veraldi S. et al., published in Int J Dermatol 1993; 32: 184-7, therefore tell these facts by your own words (tumbu fly, ver de Cayor, mango fly, skin maggot fly are synonymes for Cordylobia fly and not for myiasis).
In the last sentence of this paragraph it is necessery to mention where the Hypoderma, Dermatobia, Wohlfahrtia, Cordylobia and Cuterebra flies are endemic.

Case report:
It is not defined where 70 years old women was living and where she has been infected (when visiting the village ?).
Only figures 2, 5 and 6 with explanations should be included.

References:
The list of references and the references in the text should be corrected into BMC surgery reference style!
What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

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None