Reviewer's report

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

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Abstract
In the Background »Mastitis« and in Conclusions »Myiasis« should not be written in capital letters. In the last sentence of Conclusions »proper drying« is not clear what it means, so it would be better to use »such as ironing after drying of dresses and ...........

Introduction
In the third sentence of the second paragraph, in the beginning of the third paragraph and in the last sentence of this paragraph Cordylobia ... and Cordylobia species should be in italic form.

Case Report
In the first sentence of the second paragraph »Hospital« should not be written in capital letter. Figures in the brackets, should be corrected to (Fig. 1, 2), (Fig. 3, see additional file1), (Fig. 4). In the second sentence of the last paragraph »(14)« can be omitted. In the third sentence of this paragraph »Parasitologist and Hospital« should not be written in capital letters.

Discussion
In the first sentence of the second paragraph, instead of »especially soiled diapers« it is better to use »and soiled diapers« (diapers are not clothing). In the next sentence, change »articles of clothing« to »articles and clothing«. In the sentence »On contact with the skin...........« the other host« change in »other vertebrates«. The next sentence »Small rodents......« could be omitted. Next sentence »In particular, dogs....... « would be better to begin »Particularly dogs and small...........: « domestic in this sentence could be omitted (small rodents, rats are not domestic). In the end of the sentence »The main diagnostic.... add - movement »under skin« or pain. In fourth paragraph »Mammography« should not be written in capital letter. Correct C. anthropopaga in this paragraph and in the conclusion to C. anthropophaga. In the last sentence of this paragraph, instead of etc. at the end, this sentence should begin » Substances used, usually include oil, petroleum, jelly.........and paraffin [9]. The last paragraph could be omitted, because all these facts are mentioned in conclusion and reservoirs mentioned in this paragraph are indirectly important for this human infestation.

Conclusion
» and the control of fly population in the environment « in the second sentence is not clear, so it could be changed by »and exterminating the flies by insecticides would also be helpful in prevention of this infection«. The last part of the last sentence replace with », drying (not hanging) of clothes in the places without flies (indoor, flies can be also present) and ironing of clothes is also necessary (not essential) to reduce the risk of this human myiasis.«

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
None