Reviewer's report

Title: Acute illness associated with Ehrlichia sp. P-Mtn from Atlanta, Georgia, USA: a case report

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Reviewer: John Goldman

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Presentations, diagnoses and/or management of new and emerging diseases

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Comments to authors:

One of the best manuscripts I have seen submitted to this journal. It was well written, well thought out, and persuasive. I think you made a convincing case for infection with a newly reported Erhilichia species.

The only criticism I would have was that I thought the level of detail on the specific laboratory tests done were were more appropriate for a basic science journal. For example I would not include the specific PCR primers.

I would suggest putting in slightly less detail to make the description of the laboratory tests more appropriate for a clinical journal.

I thought it was very well done.

What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable