Reviewer’s report

Title: Sensorineural hearing loss in Lassa fever: a case series

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Reviewer: Alfio Ferlito

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Some of the relevant literature on viral infection as a cause of sudden sensorineural hearing loss is not cited (e.g. Merchant SN, Durand ML, Adams JC. Sudden deafness: is it viral? ORL J Otorhinolaryngol Relat Spec. 2008;70:52-60).
- The description of the cases and the discussion should be improved. Authors don’t provide details about ENT examination, audiologic work-up and pure tone hearing thresholds.
- There are several imperfections in the text and in the references (e.g. Cummins et al., page 5, doesn’t match the corresponding reference). References are not uniformed.

Quality of written English: Acceptable