Reviewer’s report

Title: Measles mimicking HIV seroconversion syndrome: a case report

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Reviewer: Francois Venter

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 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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is a very interesting case study, well written, and I recommend it be published as it is. The discussion, especially with decreased coverage of MMR coverage, is very pertinent.

The differential was appropriate. The choice of broad spectrum antibiotics is curious.

I have seen large numbers of measles cases—confusing candida with Koplik’s spots is not usual – the spots are actually very distinctive.

It’s a pity there is no photo of the body rash, peritoneal rash, as well as the oral lesions.

It’s a pity a dermatologist wasn’t consulted, to comment on how distinctive (or not) the rash was.

Well done to the authors – a very interesting and well written case study.

Quality of written English: Acceptable