Reviewer’s report

Title: Severe community acquired adenovirus pneumonia in an immunocompetent adult civilian: Case report and a review of the literature

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Reviewer: Martin Curran

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Presentations, diagnoses and/or management of new and emerging diseases

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:

The authors have presented an interesting civilian case of adenovirus pneumonia in the community and have presented some useful and informative data in their review of similar cases. My only criticism is that they should mention the molecular test they used, in particular the target gene used for PCR amplification. One can only assume that the Multiplex RT-PCR refers to real-time PCR and not reverse-transcription PCR. Assuming the former, the authors should note the Ct value of the real-time PCR result as a general guide to the viral load in the patients specimen.

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.