Reviewer's report

**Title:** Pediatric Ramsay Hunt syndrome - full recovery with inadvertent use of a lower dose of acyclovir for shorter than usual: a case report

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**Reviewer:** Richard Rison

**If other, please specify:**

I have read the author's revised manuscript and have the following comments:

1. There are minor grammatical errors that need correcting (e.g., p.4 the second to last paragraph's second to last sentence in the Case presentation section should read "He had never been admitted to the hospital for any reason,...").

2. I have no major objection to keeping the table showing the chronology of events.

3. I did not mean to imply that the image quality has anything to do with the skin color of the patient. The images of the ears are simply out of focus. If there are crisper photos available then I recommend to use them. If not then the current images will suffice.

4. The text of the Figure legends section describing the figures needs slight correcting. For example, in the description of figure 1 the semicolon should be deleted in the first sentence. Also in the description of figure 2, I am unsure what "NB" means.

5. In their rebuttal the authors have satisfactorily explained the reasoning that acyclovir may not be particularly useful in pediatric RHS and that the Cochrane data base review may not apply to the pediatric population. I recommend that the authors reiterate this in their discussion section and that the patient may have simply had a spontaneous recovery independent of acyclovir. Simply paraphrasing what they wrote in their rebuttal and placing in the discussion section should suffice.