Reviewer’s report

Title: Acute mercury poisoning presenting as a fever of unknown origin in an adult woman: a case report

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Reviewer: Fabrizia Bamonti

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 topic of the manuscript falls within the scope of the Journal of medical Case Report.

The case is very interesting, sound and important in its field. The clinical approach, step by step, was very appropriate and adequate and is clearly described.

Minor Essential Revisions:
- Introduction. Page 1 Line 5: the sentence needs a verb
- Case presentation. Pages 3-4: the family’s history must be better organized and more consequentially described (in particular father’s and son’s clinical disorders and laboratory findings)
- Informed consents must be added specially in the case of the son
- All the manuscript needs some language corrections before being published
- The name of the first author of reference 12 (Bamonti) is correct in References but not in the text

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests