Reviewer's report

Title:A case report of avian influenza H7N9 killing a young doctor in Shanghai, China

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This study reports a case of avian H7N9 killing a young doctor with hypertension and suspected diabetes. This is the first healthcare worker succumbed to H7N9. The authors logically summarized the clinical presentation, epidemiological investigations, and laboratory results. In present, it is not uncommon for the human case with avian influenza virus infection, and the study doesn't give a conclusion of the source of infection. It is still possibly from contaminated environment. Overall, this study provides a new case reports but the meaning and interest is not very outstanding and there are several minor concerns that need to be addressed to make the report more clearly and logically.

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. In the "Abstract", treatment for the patient should be included in the "Case presentation" because the authors mentioned "...late treatment..." in "Conclusions".
2. It will be much clearly for readers if the authors can make a list of all the abbreviation they used in the manuscript, since there were so many abbreviations which bring confusion and misunderstanding.
3. Figure 2 legend needs more detail information, including wording and arrow in the figures.
4. Page 3, Clinical history, giving detailed temperature of the fever will be better.

Level of interest:An article of limited interest

Quality of written English:Acceptable

Statistical review:No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.