Reviewer’s report

Title: Case report: Detection of the identical virus in a patient presenting with severe fever with thrombocytopenia syndrome encephalopathy and the tick that bit her

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Reviewer: Gheyath Nasrallah

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This study findings provides further evidence of SFTS viral transmission from H. longicornis to human. The manuscript is very well-written. This study could be accepted after addressing the following minor comments:

Comments

Page 2 line 55: change to: this study findings provides further evidence of SFTS viral transmission from H. longicornis to human

P2, L13 after tick to human, you need to add a reference

P3, L28, what is the name of the tertiary hospital and where is it located exactly

P3, L48 to rest of the text: after each value lab value (indicate normal range)

P4, L 70. The RT-PCR procedure and the sequence of each primer used should be written in details and also you need to cite the adapted method that you used.

P5 Line 52: change limited to uncertain. Add reference 6 and 7 at the end.

Figure 2: The method for phylogenetic analysis should be explained in details including the name of software used and also the gene bank ID of the SFTV

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