Reviewer’s report

Title: Detection of SFTS Virus RNA and Antibodies in Severe Fever with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome Surveillance Cases in Endemic Areas of China

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SFTS is a newly identified severe infectious disease, and SFTS monitoring have been carried out since 2010. The diagnostic and laboratory detection methods of SFTS have been established for many years, and there are hundreds of corresponding research papers. This study focused on SFTS monitoring case in Shandong province, and detected the SFTSV RNA and antibody by Real time RT-PCR and ELISA respectively. The design and experimental method of this study lacked innovation, so it is not recommended to publish.

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