Reviewer's report

Title: A returning migrant worker with avian influenza A (H7N9) virus infection in Guizhou, China: a case report

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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Presentations, diagnoses and/or management of new and emerging diseases

Has the case been reported coherently?: No

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?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This study reported an imported case of H7N9 infection in Guizhou Province during the Spring Festival travel season in January 2014. The epidemiological and virological characterization was involved in the study. The imported case suggested that traveling could be a transmission pathway of H7N9 virus.

1. Phylogenetic analysis should be involved instead of comparing the homology with other viruses only.

2. As a case report, all drugs that had been used for the treatment should be listed. CT value from the diagnosis should be reported instead of positive/negative.
Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interest is in relation to the paper.