Reviewer’s report

Title: A Case of an Exotic Abscess from Gambia

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Reviewer: Valirie Agbor

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   Yes

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9. Additional comments for the author(s)?

The authors present a case of furuncular myiasis, with a comprehensive review of the literature. I have some comments.

General comments
1. The authors should avoid making a paragraph with just a sentence. This occurred frequently within the text.

2. If the authors want to do a review of the literature, this should be evident from the title, and relevant reports of ALL previous cases of cutaneous myiasis should be presented in a table. Not just cases received in the United Kingdom, as this is an international journal. If not this report should be abridge and directed towards creating awareness on the condition, which I think is the primary aim of the authors.

3. Case presentation: Please provide information on relevant past histories of the patient.

4. P3L29: Give the dose, frequency and duration of treatment with flucloxacillin.

5. P2L35: The commercial names of drugs should be written in capitals and carrying a trade mark.

6. P2L45: Please correct "Furuncurlar" to "Furuncular".

7. Life cycle of Tumbu fly. This section can be significantly shortened.

8. P5L20: Please remove all bullets under this subsection and present your points in a paragraph.

9. Different types of myiasis: This section is not clear. I suggest the authors separate this section in two. The first will talk about the other aetiologic agents of cutaneous myiasis and can be integrated in the first paragraph under the discussion section. The second part should be termed the "differential diagnoses of furuncular myiasis".

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