Reviewer's report

Title: An Outbreak of Freshwater Pomfret-Related Rhabdomyolysis in Guangdong, China, 2009: Have you considered haff disease?

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Major compulsive revision:
1) It is surprising that despite severe (in some cases) rhabdomyolysis, no myoglobinuria was observed; was urinalysis performed, and how many patients tested positive for hemoglobin (myoglobin reacts as hemoglobin in the dipstick test)?
2) Is any index of renal function available?

Discretionary revision:
1) English style and spelling are in need of revision
2) Statistics: retrospective cohort analysis could be better performed using logistic regression, using presence/absence of disease as the dependent variable, and age, gender, consumption of pomfret, comorbidities and medications as independent variables

Minor revisions:
1) Capitalize haff to Haff
2) Page 6: what do the Authors mean by "anetic muscle tone", perhaps "akinetc"?
3) Table 2: the column n. of abnormalities can be deleted

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

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