Reviewer's report

Title: A rare association of Leprosy & gangrene; role of anti phospholipid antibodies.

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The titer of anticardiolipin antibodies must be included in the text because it is very important to know if antibody titer was low, medium or high. Taking into account that the approach to evaluate the presence of anticardiolipin antibodies as well as anti-b2-glycoprotein I antibodies (in house or commercial ELISA kits) and lupus anticoagulant (type of clotting assays) is particularly relevant, I suggest including this information.

2. The authors conclude that in the absence of other hypercoagulable states, aPL remains the most probable cause of the digital gangrene. Probably it is true but in order to be more precise the authors should include if other prothrombotic risk factors were evaluated (for instance factor V Leiden, prothrombin G20210A, etc).

Minor Essential Revisions


Reference list is not in the style of the Journal (all authors must be listed, punctuation, etc). The list of abbreviations does not match with those used in the manuscript. APS must be added in the list.

English requires attention. There are some spelling mistakes.

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

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