Reviewer’s report

Title: Development of microscopic polyangiitis-related pulmonary fibrosis in a patient with autoimmune pulmonary alveolar proteinosis

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The report “Development of microscopic polyangiitis-related pulmonary fibrosis in a patient with autoimmune pulmonary alveolar proteinosis” by Kinehara et al describes a patient in detail who developed fibrosis after PAP. This scenario is of sufficient importance to be reported.

Major comments

1. The course of GMCSF auto-antibodies must be indicated in addition to that of ANCA. In particular as the level was not so high at diagnosis it would be interesting to see current level. Best add to figure 1 A.

2. In background the absolute number and references of all patients reported so far should be indicated. This information is scattered a little bit over the discussion. For example at the end of para 1, the authors could state, “…so far xy cases have been reported.”

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

None