Reviewer's report

Title: Acral anetoderma: Case report and review of the literature.

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Reviewer: Philip LeBoit

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General
This paper is a well written description of a patient with multiple anomalies who had anetoderma affecting the limbs, with some acral lesions.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
The term "acral anetoderma" implies that this is a new variant of anetoderma. This argument should be re-written, so that this is a report of anetoderma in which some of the lesions appeared on acral skin.
Was elastic tissue preserved around vessels?

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
A complete list of conditions with anetoderma also includes pilomatricoma and marginal zone lymphoma.
The subject of atrophy on the acra should be briefly discussed- e.g. acrodermatitis chronica atrophicans, scleroderma, etc. which are actually easily distinguishable.

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

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
none