Reviewer's report

**Title:** Complicated Crohn's-like colitis associated with Hermansky-Pudlak syndrome, treated with Infliximab: case report and brief review of the literature

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**Reviewer:** Peter Laszlo Lakatos

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Comments to authors:

General

This is an interesting case report on the association of Crohn’s disease and Hermansky-Pudlak syndrome (HPS). Another important message of the case is that treatment with anti-TNF antibody was successful.

Revisions necessary for publication

1. It seems that the case is a real Crohn’s colitis case thus the treatment success can not be generalized to rare HPS associated colitis cases in whom ceroid deposition can be found in the granulomatous colitis. This limitation should be clearly included in the manuscript.

2. A further important point is that authors should include some details on the differential diagnosis of colitis, especially details should be included on TB testing.

3. Please use x-ray instead of roentgenograms and mg/kg instead of mg/Kgr
What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable