Reviewer's report

Title: Sweet's Syndrome in a patient with Crohn's disease: a case report

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Reviewer: Barney Hawthorne

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?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

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

Comments to authors:

General
The association of Sweet's syndrome and IBD is reported, but is worth emphasizing, as I believe that milder skin disorders in association with colonic Crohn's and UC are quite common

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Revisions necessary for publication

The differential diagnosis would include pustular forms of pyoderma gangrenosum (see Dig Dis Sci 2007;52:18-24). How much overlap is there with PG and Sweet's syndrome? The presence of vasculitis does not always distinguish. Milder pustular rashes are not uncommon in active colitis. Are all these part of the spectrum of Sweet's syndrome or is neutrophilic folliculitis a separate condition?

What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable