Reviewer's report

Title: Successful treatment of nerve function loss in leprosy patient by intraneural injection of corticosteroids: a case report and review of literature

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Reviewer: Abdulhafez Selim

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 9 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Other

If other, please specify:

New therapeutic approach

Has the case been reported coherently?: No

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

1- Abstract is very short. Need to expand to cover the following: background, methodology in details, results with specific details and conclusions. Note that no references needed in abstract.

2- More details have to be added to the case presentation such as doses used, any reported side effects, details of injection methodology, when each sensation returned exactly after injection?, why this case was selected?..etc

3- Also conclusion need to be specific to match the case presented.

4- The introduction was very short. You need to go through other treatment modalities for such cases and show their failures then present the need for new treatment lines and why you selected this treatment line to test?. You also need to use more and recent references.
5- You also need to use more and recent references in the discussion. Need to suggest mechanism of action and potential side effects.

6- Many technical details are needed to show the injection process and precautions taken to avoid side effects and to insure successful delivery.

7- Figure legends need to be expanded to explain the observation and the difference between before and after treatment. It would be nice if you show sample for normal patient as a benchmark for your success. It is always better to have positive control in clinical trials.

8- I suggest more effort to improve the language style and make it more direct to the point. May be by more arrangement of flow of ideas.

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