Reviewer's report

Title: Takayasu's arteritis associated with Crohn`s disease: a case report

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Reviewer: Stuart Bloom

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: New associations or variations in disease processes

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

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?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Comments to authors:

General
This is a potentially interesting case report that is spoilt by some minor and also some major faults.
Minor faults are numerous spelling errors that should have been checked by spell checker (azatioprine, artheralgy). There is no recognised Crohn-Takayasu syndrome and this term should not be used.

Major fault is the lack of diagnostic evidence for Crohns disease. The only specified investigation is a barium transit study and I would not expect this to be diagnostic in a case of rectal bleeding. No histology of Crohns is shown or discussed, and no endoscopic findings. Ther is nothing in the case report to confirm the diagnosis of Crohns

What next?: Revise and resubmit

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