Reviewer's report

Title: Relapsing macrophage activating syndrome in a young patient with Still's disease.

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If other, please specify:

1) The paper is not scientifically accurate too much

2) Background

I guess that it will be useful to describe with more details the disease; for example the author have to describe more that the arthritis could be develop later than the onset (before the periodic fever). The course of the disease could be polyarticular disease. The same more details about the differential diagnosis. MAS is a complication of the JIA (often sJIA) and it is not only a severe drug reaction. The description is correct in MAS. I guess that it is important to describe with more details MAS (chapter 80-105). Bone marrow aspiration is not always diagnostic. I guess to describe better the difference with HLH.

About therapy the correct message would be the correct order of the use of the different drug. For example the first choice, the second choice etc. I would report more data about efficacy and side effect of the anti TNF.

3) the reference could be enough

4) No

5) I wrote in point 2