Reviewer's report

Title: Extragonadal germ cell tumour and systemic lupus erythematosus: a case report

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Comments to authors:

This is a very interesting case of germ cell tumour of the pituitary gland in a patient with lupus nephritis. The authors speculate in the discussion on the possible etiological role of the human endogenous retrovirus HERV - group virus. However, the conclusion of the authors is very speculative and it is more hypothesis generating than representing a clear scientific conclusion.

This paper could be published as sort of statement derived from a patient with co-incidence of germ cell tumour in the brain and lupus nephritis, however, the authors clearly must define the hypothetical and speculative nature of their conclusion.