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1. **Please include the study design in your title:** done
2. **Please include an abstract on page 2 of the manuscript.** It should be structured into the following three sections: It was done
3. **Kindly change the "Case History" header into "Case Presentation":** It was done
4. **Please could you provide a point-by-point response to the reviewers' reports:** Dear friends, please consider the following

**Reviewer's report**

**Title:** A case of systemic lupus erythematosus initially presented with eosinophilic enteritis

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**Comments to authors:**

- The presentation of SLE as eosinophilic enteritis makes for an interesting and highly unusual presentation of this disease.
- The Introduction will be improved by editing into more idiomatic English. The brief statement on SLE pathogenesis is overly simplified and does not reflect the idiopathic but also multifaceted nature of the disease:

I revised the introduction according to your comments; the changes are in blue color.

- The case presentation will again benefit from editing to improve the syntax and flow of the narrative.

I made some changes in writing, I hope it would be fine

Several additional details should be added:

- the titer of the ANA (since a low titer is quite nonspecific and a high titer is more convincing), other extractable nuclear antigens (e.g. Sm, RNP) that might have been tested:

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the level of eosinophilia, the type of workup for parasitic infection,

**Included**
- the results of the kidney biopsy (was it lupus nephritis?),

**Included**
- the description of the histology of the ileum that resulted in a diagnosis of eosinophilic enteritis (a picture might be interesting),

**Unfortunately the picture is not still available**
- a more detailed description of the therapy (dose of corticosteroids, additional medications used, speed and duration of response, long-term follow-up).

**Included**
- In retrospect, is there also now an explanation for the high CA 125?

**Included**
- The Discussion and Conclusions make reasonable points and will benefit from editing of the English.

**Done**

- **Declaration of competing interests:**

**Done**