Reviewer's report

Title: Henoch-Schonlein Purpura in an Elderly Man Presenting as Rectal Bleeding and IgA Mesangioproliferative Glomerulonephritis: A case report

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Reviewer: MANUEL ENRIQUE ACOSTA MEZA

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

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:

The authors cited history of diverticulosis in patient with gastrointestinal bleeding, as an important factor that can mislead physicians to the wrong diagnosis and management, however they do not mention history of precipitating factors in this age group, such as ingestion of non steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors, use of prior antibiotics, history of food allergies, vaccinations or insect bites.

My suggestion is to cite this important factors, present or absent, in order to complete the history factors in this case.

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests