Reviewer’s report

Title: Etanercept in the treatment of recalcitrant enteropathic arthritis: a case report and literature reviews

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Reviewer: Debasish Pyne

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?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

I would still have significant reservations on the drug combination used MTX+SSZ+AZA+Etanercept +steroids as there is no evidence base supporting use in this way and the patient is exposed to infection risk. Otherwise the authors have addressed the reviewer points well.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

No conflicting interests