Reviewer's report

Title: Multiple ring-enhancing cerebral lesions in systemic lupus erythematosus

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Reviewer: Peter Hewins

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

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:

An unusual complication arising in a patient with SLE. This is a generally well written report

Suggested amendments:
1) The authors should refer to and cite the Cochrane review on the use of corticosteroids in tuberculous meningitis. Although the authors focus on the tuberculomata, they also describe features consistent with tuberculous meningitis. Prasad K, Singh MB. Corticosteroids for managing tuberculous meningitis. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2008, Issue 1. Art. No.: CD002244. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD002244.pub3

2) It is not clear whether patient had received any immunosuppressive rx other than steroids and MMF prior to presentation - this should be made explicit
3) Details of steroid Rx at presentation and thereafter including specifically the increased steroid Rx initiated after the deterioration should be included.

4) Remove reference to promiscuity - this is a perjorative term. It is more appropriate simply to state that there was no relevant sexual history.

5) The phenomenon describe is usually referred to a 'paradoxical reaction' to anti-tuberculous therapy. It would be useful for the authors to adopt this terminology.

6) Reference [8] does not appear to be a peer reviewed publication and is only accessible by paid subscription. There are various more readily accessible descriptions of paradoxical reactions to ATT which would be a better choice - these include a previous paper in this journal Yoon YK et al Journal of Medical Case Reports 2009, 3:6673 doi:10.1186/1752-1947-3-6673 which

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests