Reviewer’s report

Title: Pulmonary hypertension secondary to hyperviscosity in a patient with rheumatoid arthritis and acquired von Willebrand disease

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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?: No

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:

Authors present an interesting case of hyperviscosity as a cause of precapillary pulmonary hypertension. Nevertheless, there are doubts about whether the patient has history of autoimmune disease or autoantibodies found were an epiphenomenon. It would be interesting that the authors describe a more detailed medical history of the patient. The clinical history is very confusing.

How long was the patient receiving methotrexate? How long was the patient receiving leflunomide? If the patient had arthritis, why did the authors say that he had no clinical manifestations?

When began the mucosal bleeding?
Why was not taken into account the possibility of starting a specific treatment of pulmonary hypertension? If the authors believe that it is not indicated in this situation should explain why.

How evolved autoantibodies?

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable