Reviewer's report

Title: Insulin-induced localized lipoatrophy, preceded by shingles (herpes zoster): a case report

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Reviewer: ARJUN KAKRANI

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unreported or unusual side effects or adverse interactions involving medications

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:

1. This time biopsy of the lesion was not done though it was desired; this limitation may be clearly mentioned.

2. Patient had autoimmune thyroid atrophy, could this might be responsible for LIL rather than shingles? There are some published reports where thyroid dysfunction was noted with LIL.

3. Change of insulin type/brand was desired but not done, this needs a specific mention.

Resubmit after clarifications of the above points

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests