Reviewer’s report

Title: A presenting with Abnormal Fingernail Beds Following Carbon Monoxide Poisoning A Case Report and Review of the Literature

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Reviewer: Michael Donahoe

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: New associations or variations in disease processes

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:

A coherent presentation although lengthy and not completely focused on the unique finding of the presentation. The presentation discusses CO poisoning at length with very limited attention to the actual findings of interest. A greater discussion re fingernail manifestations of disease would improve the case report. Are these findings unique enough to be diagnostic of CO poisoning?

The case report title needs clarity. Would favor shortening title to Abnormal Fingernail Beds Following Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

The text has minor grammatical errors that should be reviewed and corrected by author and/or editors
I think the case report would be strengthen by shortening and a specific focus on the main manifestations. Are the nail findings specific? How would this finding add to clinical practice

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Declaration of competing interests:**

No conflicts