Reviewer's report

Title: Fulminant capillary leak complicating acute dermatomyositis: A case report

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Reviewer: Peter Spronk

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?: Yes

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?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is a nice case report. I have a few comments:
- I miss mentioning the anasarca in the introduction, i.e. as part of general vasculitis or an overlap syndrome? other case reports?
- pertaining to the case report: a SvO2 might have been useful, as well as other measures of cardiac output. Were these performed? Please give details.

Was the patient still fluid responsive after initial resuscitation? How was this checked? One might consider passive leg lifting, evaluation of systolic pressure variation or direct effects on ECHO after fluid boluses.

Was albumin infusion or the use of other high-molecular volume expanders considered? Was ECMO considered buying time?
- I miss the discussion of intravascular lymphoma which may present in a similar
way. This is important, since lymphomas may be associated with dermatomyositis.

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests