Reviewer’s report

Title: Case report Erythromelalgia: An Egyptian case report with a new line of treatment and literature review

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Reviewer: Sudip Kumar Ghosh

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: None

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) Abstract section:
   a. “We present a case of an Egyptian child with primary erythromelalgia manifested at very early onset of age and showed partial response to unusual therapy.”

       Please replace with

       “We present a case of an Egyptian child with primary erythromelalgia manifested at an early age and showed partial response to therapy with cetirizine.”

   b. Case presentation last paragraph: correct the spelling of ‘citizine’
c. “This is a case report of a 34-month-old Egyptian child with primary erythromelalgia manifested at very early onset of age.”

Comments:

Repetition of the introduction.

Replace with: “This is a case report of a 34-month-old Egyptian child with primary erythromelalgia manifested at an early age”

2. Description of skin biopsy should be a part of the 'case report' section

3. “This may lead us to think about a new theory of chronic long standing local allergic reaction which enlighten response to cetirizine in our case in spite of normal serum IgE titre”

It is not clear what is meant by allergic reaction?

Variable response of erythromelalgia to antihistamines makes this conclusion less tenable.

Please comment.

4. “We believe that it is the first report for this presentation at this age and also we believe it is the first Egyptian report of this kind in the literature.”

Please clarify how the authors came to this conclusion.

? Method of searching

How far back the literature was searched?

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

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests