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Re: Journal of Medical Case Reports MS: 3823048491409980

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As requested by the reviewers the following revisions have been done to the manuscript. Changes done in the manuscripted have been highlighted in red letters and all changes are mentioned below.

Reviewer 1 – Muhammed Mubarak Nuhari

This is an interesting case report which may be accepted for publication in JMCR, provided following minor points are addressed.

1. A standard approach to the use of abbreviations should be followed.

   Standard abbreviation format has been adopted and changed according to reviewer comments

2. The term antiphospholipid nephropathy should be changed to antiphospholipid syndrome nephropathy (APSN)

   This has been done and highlighted in red in the corrected places.
3. Word normal range should be written for creatinine values in brackets.
“normal range” word has been added within brackets

4. In the text, it is written that the renal biopsy showed organized thrombi, while in Figure 1, fresh thrombi are shown and described in the legend. The figure legend should be improved and only those changes should be given which are shown. Immunofluorescence findings should be given in text. Name of the stain should be given followed by magnification.

The word “organized” has been removed and word “fresh thrombi” has been retained in the manuscript. Immunofluorescence findings have now been mentioned in the text and removed from the legend as the figure does not show immunofluorescence pattern.

Reviewer 2 – Praveen Jajorta

1. Antiphospholipid Nephropathy should be changed to Anti-phospholipid Antibody syndrome Nephropathy.

There is a conflict between the two reviewer comments. Reviewer 1 wanted the name changed as “Antiphospholipid syndrome nephropathy” and reviewer 2 requests a change as “Antiphospholipid antibody syndrome nephropathy”. I have search the literature and the international standard way of writing it is as ”Antiphospholipid syndrome nephropathy (APSN)“. Therefore I have made the corrections according to reviewer 1.

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Thanking You,

Sincerely,

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