Reviewer’s report

Title: Is vitamin C enough? A case of scurvy in a five-year-old girl and review of the literature

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The authors are to be commended for the publication of an atypical case of scurvy in a 5-year-old girl with apparently no special need.

The only major comment relates to the presentation of the case. It would be interesting to have more information about this girl; e.g. indication of her natural environment (country of residence, city / suburb / village, urban / rural, socio-economic status of parents, etc.), her psychomotor development, the age of her mother at birth (she is her last child), history of the pregnancy, of the delivery etc. After the diagnosis of certainty was made and after starting the treatment, it would have been interesting to study the velocity with which she took 4 kilograms in the space of 6 months. That weight gain could be analyzed according to the quantity and types of food newly introduced and ingested.

Few minor comments

. P7-L53: Authors affirm that "other deficiencies were considered likely so they have been placed on a multivitamin within a day of the initial diagnosis of vitamin C deficiency "Can the authors explain why they are not going to go for these investigations?

Again, this case is too unique (the first according to the author) and deserves much attention to details to better understand vitamin C deficiency and prevent the risk of relapse after treatment. It would also be interesting for the authors to pronounce on the prognosis in the medium and longer term

The writing of this article is polluted by some mistakes of inattention that it would be good to correct.

. P5-L24 "Mother reported her daughter was bitten by a tick": Insert "The" in front of mother

. P5-L29 "Labs were feeling for Lyme testing ...": Maybe the authors wanted to say "Samples ...

. P5-L52 "For the next four years her diet consisted of ": Maybe" past "instead of" next "


References are recent and appropriate but it is a little unfortunate that the article is not embellished with photographs of lesions, curves such as that on weight gain after starting treatment rehabilitation.

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