Reviewer's report

Title: Phenotypic variability in a child with Felty's syndrome: a case report

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The authors have presented an interesting case of Felty's syndrome and have written an extensive report about the clinical and laboratory results in the child. The background data is also well described. I have some suggestions for improvement though.

Page 2, line 24: change polyarthritis JIA to polyarticular JIA

Page 2, line 53-4: I suggest "No complement deficiency has been found in children with FS so far". I think it is important in this sentence as well as all thru this manuscript to state that so far clinical and laboratory signs differ in adults and children but only six children are presented in literature which makes it difficult to be sure about differences.

Page 3, line 33-37: "The active….This sentence needs to be rewritten.

Page 4, line 51-54: Please give reference values for your analysis of liver related proteins.

Page 5, line 15: Units for rheumatoid factor differ between what you have written here and on page 6, line 5-6.

Page 7, line 21-22: I guess you have just forgotten the word "no".

Page 7, line 58: I suggest to add "so far most children with FS have been females.

Page 8, line 42-44: I would not give percentages in such few figures.

Table 1. I suggest leaving this table out, the main result are presented already.

Table 2. The percentages could be given in a figure over time.

Table 5. Since only six patients have been presented in literature I think the description in the text is enough, I suggest that this table is left out.
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