**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Adult Autoimmune Enteropathy Presenting Initially with Acquired Acrodermatitis Enteropathica: A Case Report

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This is an interesting paper describing how dermatologists can help to diagnose systemic diseases.

I miss a histopathological figure although there is no description of characteristics findings of malnutritional dermatosis (necrosis of the upper epidermis).

1. Why the authors conclude by zinc acrodermatitis enteropathic and not by a multielement deficiency dermatosis (I understand that the supplementation of zinc improved the dermatosis). There are other elements missing and undoubtedly there is a significant albumin deficiency.

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