Reviewer’s report

Title: Case report: staphylococcal scalded skin syndrome in a 4 year-old child

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Reviewer: Andrew Hague

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Yes

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Comments: there are no concerns

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Yes

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   - De-identified demographic information (age, gender, ethnicity)
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   - Reasoning and prognostic characteristics (e.g., staging), where applicable

e. Types and mechanism of intervention

f. A summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits

Comments: all was reported correctly and usefully to other doctors who may encounter similar cases.

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Comments: yes, well presented ans helpful to a doctor faced with a similar case.

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Yes the patient is anonymous

7. Is the Abstract representative of the case presented?
Comments: yes
8. Does the case represent a useful contribution to the medical literature?

Comments: yes, useful and must be published

9. Additional comments for the author(s)? The report is well written and must be published. It describes a rare case and the treatment was successful. Without such reports, doctors are disadvantaged so we thank Drs Haasnoot and de Vries for their excellent work.

They make the point that a quick diagnosis and treatment is essential. This report helps other doctors who will also need further advice.

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