Reviewer’s report

Title: Utility of rituximab treatment for Exophthalmos, Myxedema and Osteoarthropathy (EMO) syndrome resistant to corticosteroids due Graves’ disease: a case report.

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Comments: It’s not complete and the duration of treatment and monitoring was not mentioned in details

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Authors presented a case of EMO which got better with rituximab treatment. But the details of the case evaluations, treatment and follow-up were not mentioned.

Image of osteoarthopathy and Exophthalmos would enhance the quality.

Need few grammatical corrections.

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