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Title: Erythroderma and extensive poikiloderma: A rare initial presentation of dermatomyositis

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Reviewer: Denis Miyashiro

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Yes

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Line 81 - dermatomyositis and lichen planus are different diseases. Maybe should be changed to lichen planus-like lesions

Was aldolase measured?

Better quality images should be provided

Because heliotrope and Gottron papules are very characteristic of dermatomyositis, images of these lesions should be provided

Lines 154-166 - reference about erythroderma should be included

Grammar review should be performed (e.g. line 80 - it is written dermatolyositis instead of dermatomyositis)

Poikiloderma Vasculare Atrophicans is considered a variant of mycosis fungoides.
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