Reviewer’s report

Title: Myocarditis as a Lupus challenge: two case reports

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Comments:

interpretation (discussion and conclusion) well balanced and supported by the case presented?

Comments:

Evidence of using MMF for the said condition should be supported with more references, especially recent ones if available

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8. Does the case represent a useful contribution to the medical literature?

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Discussion should be supported with more references, especially on place of MMF in SLE cardiac involvement

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