Reviewer’s report

Title: Severe Skin Disease in Lupus associated with Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis: Case Reports and Review of the Literature

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Reviewer: Hector Chinoy

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The case report is well written and of clinical interest. I note that a CARE checklist has been completed. The literature is also reviewed.

Are they any available photos of the patients' rashes that could be used as part of the case report?

I would be interested to know what methodology used for serological testing.

Overall, the novel component(s) of the cases is not clearly delineated - early communication of this in the paper will improve the paper.

Specific points:

1- Line 65 - capital "S" on "systemic" is erroneous.

2- The second presented patient did not have a clear objective diagnosis of HLH on biopsy, for example, in the way that the first patient did - this calls the diagnosis into question?

3- Lines 186-187 - this is an important sentence as it outlines the novel features of this paper - please re-write for clarity.

4- Line 191 - no fullstop at the end of the sentence.

5- Lines 211-212 - a further important sentence - I think this should come much earlier in the paper to make the novel component clearer.

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