Reviewer’s report

Title: The Utility of Dual Energy Computed Tomography in the Management of Axial Gout: Case Reports and Literature Review

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The authors reported two interesting cases of unusual presentation of gout. The use of Dual Energy Computed Tomography in these peculiar presentation of axial gout has led to the correct diagnosis and was useful in the differential diagnosis.

I have no major revision.

1) I only suggest to brief discuss the treatment choices in both cases. In particular, why authors started Prednisone instead of NSAIDs.

2) in the second clinical case authors stated that the patient was commenced on prednisone 25mg daily and urate-lowering therapy with allopurinol and febuxostat. The association of allopurinol and febuxostat is quite odd. Please clarify.

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