Reviewer’s report

Title: Use of Rituximab in Idiopathic Retroperitoneal Fibrosis

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Reviewer: Giacomo Quattrocchio

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The paper of Boyeva et al is an interesting case series of IRPF patients treated with rituximab. The paper is well written and reports good results with anti-CD20 therapy in IRPF, as in our experience (Oncotarget, 2018) in IgG4-RD RPF patients.

I only have a few curiosities:

1) why did the number of patients with necessity of renal stents increase in spite of treatment?

2) why did unilateral ureteral involvement increase in spite of treatment?

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