Reviewer’s report

Title: Flare or foe? - Mycobacterium marinum infection mimicking rheumatoid arthritis tenosynovitis: case report and literature review

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This is a nice case report, well described and discussed.

I think the clinical image is the most useful aspect for the reader, and as such would suggest that Figure 1A be improved if possible with better magnification of the region of the 3rd MCP and 3rd and 4th fingers, to clearly show the papules/nodules within the purple/erythematous rash.

Some comment regarding the likely site of inoculation is missing, presumably the nail folds of 3rd or 4th fingers?

Some comment of the diagnostic information or relevance to the diagnosis of the forearm lesion would also be helpful to the reader - is this haematogenous spread, and how common is it to have satellite lesions like this?

I do not think Figure 4 is necessary.

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