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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

English language in the manuscript is perfect. The concept presented is relatively new and methods are described in detail. I have some minor comments: On History of past illness and laboratory examinations why specifically mention psoriasis and not vitiligo which is a more common association of AA? Same, on Physical examination why mention specifically candidiasis? Maybe because of the possibility of autoimmune polyglandular syndrome? Then it should be mentioned, for clinicians reading the article to better understand the diagnosing/differentially diagnosing procedure. On discussion, atopic dermatitis is called an autoimmune disease. I think it's better to call it an inflammatory disease with autoimmune, environmental, inherited etc. components, at least until the pathogenesis has been uncovered in full. Since RCTs don't exist, and we don't know the optimal approach, in Conclusion, I think the phrase "alone or in combination with other treatments" should be added in the end. Since most dermatologists and pediatricians are not familiar with the possible treatment mentioned in the article, some major points should be added in the manuscript, just for informative purposes, like most important adverse events, required screening before treatment initiation, major interactions with other drugs and safety concerns etc. The word scalp is spelled sometimes "scalp" and sometimes "sculp" in the manuscript.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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I paste here again the comment of the first review: "On discussion, ATOPIC DERMATITIS is called an autoimmune disease. I think it's better to call it an inflammatory disease with autoimmune, environmental, inherited etc. components, at least until the pathogenesis has been uncovered in full." I was talking about atopic dermatitis, which is called an autoimmune disease in line 282. The authors changed the definition of alopecia areata in line 276 and abstract. That's the only correction that should be done.