

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format.

Title: Pediatric Lupus Nephritis - management update

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Our response to the reviewer's comments

(1) Reviewer 1:

I have only one objection, that is the lack of quoting the newly published diagnostic criteria from Europe (see reference below). Although not globally implemented, these diagnostic criteria should be mentioned.

A reference to SLICC criteria has been added.

(2) Reviewer 2:

However, I also feel that this MS remains, unfortunately, somewhat superficial description and discussion. I might suggest that the MS should be rewritten focused on current knowledge of less cytotoxic trend, i.e. keep children in mind, in depth. Also it should be focused on the use of rituximab, especially its efficacy and toxicity as well as adequate indication of the drug, in the treatment of pediatric-onset lupus.

Use of rituximab as well as other biologics has been discussed in the draft. A more detailed description was avoided keeping the article size in mind.

Thank you for considering our article in the *World Journal of Nephrology*.

Sincerely yours,

Rajiv Sinha

(on behalf of all authors)