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Professional title: Professor

Reviewer's country: Egypt

Author's country: China

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The authors describe an interesting case highlighting how a complication can be the onset of a rheumatic disease. Therefore, in my opinion, the title would be more appealing by highlighting this aspect: e.g. "Respiratory failure and Macrophage Activation Syndrome as an onset of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus" INTRODUCTION is appropriate CASE PRESENTATION is not completely easy to read. I recommend the authors to shorten it and to provide a table with the timeline of main and complete laboratory findings, rather than describing them. Moreover, the normal values for all parameters must be provided. CASE PRESENTATION: pleas, clarify if you have considered *Mycoplasma pneumoniae* in your infectious work-up. Indeed, considering the respiratory situation and CT pattern, it should have been considered. In any case, discuss this point in the discussion, even if you do not have this result. Moreover, mycoplasma has been reported in MAS etiopathogenesis and can be responsible of many pulmonary and extra-pulmonary diseases (I recommend to refer to thse three articles: *Curr Opin Rheumatol.* 2018 Jul;30(4):380-387. doi: 10.1097/BOR.0000000000000494. Review; *Acta Clin Belg.* 2019 Feb 15:1-6. doi: 10.1080/17843286.2019.1578029. [Epub ahead of print]; & *Acta Clin Belg.* 2019 Mar 28:1. doi: 10.1080/17843286.2019.1599549. [Epub ahead of print]) DISCUSSION: discuss the positive/negative results about *M. pneumoniae*; if you do not have this finding, discuss it as a limitation of your case report, according to the suggested references. DISCUSSION: the authors should discuss the aspect of the onset of MAS/respiratory compromise as an onset of a rheumatic disease, not recognized yet at that time. In this regards, the aspect related to the high ferritin increase should be emphasized, according to the current debate about the diagnostic criteria. Please, refer to other experiences whereby a rheumatic disease has been diagnosed after MAS onset (refer to: *Autoimmun Rev.* 2014 Nov;13(11):1142-8. doi: 10.1016/j.autrev.2014.05.009; *Rheumatol Int.* 2019 Jul 31. doi: 10.1007/s00296-019-04393-7. [Epub ahead of print] Review.;



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Reumatol Clin. 2014 Sep-Oct;10(5):331-5. doi: 10.1016/j.reuma.2013.05.013.).
DISCUSSION: the initial part about primary HLH can be removed. It is not functional to
the discussion. REFERENCES: to be updated and completed. One or more tables to
show the laboratory findings are needed.

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