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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The authors postulate that penicillamine might induce autoimmunity. A link between penicillamine and lupus has been suggested for decades and the authors propose that the drug might induce other autoimmune diseases. To support this hypothesis, two patients are resented in which treatment with penicillamine led to lupus-like or rheumatoid arthritis-like syndromes.

Dear reviewer,  
Thank you for your comments.

Best regards  
Sofia Santos



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Penicillamine is known to induce drug-induced lupus. However, the authors suggest that the relation is not clear based on 2 cases. In two cases, the outcome and symptoms are different. Therefore, it is reasonable to postpone the conclusion regarding whether uptake of the drug for long-time the drug and specific autoimmune disease is directly related or not. The side effects can be broader even though the effects belong to autoimmune diseases. I believe that this information is meaningful to readers in this field.

Dear reviewer,

Thank you for your comments.

Best regards

Sofia Santos

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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The letter to the Editor of Santos S and Faria R presents two cases that report that D-penicillamine used for the treatment of Wilson's disease is an inductive agent of chronic autoimmunity diseases (LES and rheumatoid arthritis). In my opinion, the manuscript of Santos and Faria is an original work that contributes to know that D-penicillamina not only induces Drug-induced lupus but also may trigger chronic autoimmune diseases. I think that this work has important clinical impact and recommend its publication. Minor point: Page 3, third paragraph, line 5: anti-Smith Page 3, third paragraph, line 12: replace "drug-induced lupus" by "DI-L" Page 3, third paragraph, line 13: include the abbreviation in "systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)" Page 3, third paragraph, lines 14-15: replace "systemic lupus erythematosus" by "SLE".

Dear reviewer,

Thank you for your comments. The manuscript as been updated according your suggestions (anti-Smith at page 3, DI-L on third paragraph, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) on page 3, and SLE at lines 14-15)



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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The letter shows an important clinical message albeit supported from only two cases examined. However, the letter highlights the uncertainty whether the drug is responsible for the autoimmune conditions reported and, therefore, it can be accepted in this form.

Dear reviewer,

Thank you for your comments.

Best regards

Sofia Santos