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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for this article. It will be good to include in manuscript the information (or algorithm) about "red flags" for MALS - how clinicians can suspect this disease in common practice.

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add 4 to title it is a good case series to remind the readers of this syndrome but it needs
photographs

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The authors presented 4 cases of MALS successfully managed by medical therapies. The subject is interesting, there are few reports in the literature describing more than one case. However, the manuscript needs a careful review of wording and phrasing by an expert on English language. Additional comments: - Indicate the posology and duration of the treatments administrated. - The patients were treated with different drug protocols (ametryptiline, tegoprazan, gabapentine, meloxicam, famotidine, esomeprazole...). Please outline the reasons to choose one over another in each specific clinical scenario. - Indicate the alternative surgical treatments for MALS, together with their expected outcomes based on the literature. - Describe a proposed algorithm to diagnose MALS in patients in which the disease is suspected. State the different imaging alternatives, their typical findings, and state the gold standard exploration to reach a definitive diagnosis. - Have you planned any additional treatments for the patients not presenting a complete relief of the digestive symptoms?