

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this manuscript, Wang et al reported the clinical evolution of two patients with anti-MDA5 positive DM. The interest lies mainly in the observation of Patient 2, for whom treatment with tocilizumab was introduced. Here are some concerns : - The use of TCZ in this clinical context is not classic. Why did the authors opt for this strategy and not for targeting another cytokine, such as IFN type I or TNF alpha? Authors should discuss this aspect. - Line 34, 147 : Change *Pneumocystis carinii* by *Pneumocystis jirovecii* - Line 215: Specify that in the cited case report, 6 patients were treated efficiently with TCZ.

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Authors to please detail about Consent form in English Anti MDA5 dermatomyositis incidence and prevalence in general population Role of Lung Transplantation for IPF associated with this disease Details about Hormonal therapy Pulmonary function test both pre and post therapy Share the images of x - ray HRCT Chest done. I must congratulate authors for their sincere effort in writing up of this manuscript.