

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a case report that emphasises the old clinical dictum "never forget the spirochete". 1. A definition of malignant syphilis should be provided. What is the absolute differentiating feature from secondary syphilis? Is there any evidence that

lesions found in malignant syphilis are of vasculitic origin? 2. Please indicate in the text that the patient consented both to publication of the Case Report and publication of the images. 3. It should be noted that serological screening for syphilis is routine in patients with psychiatric or neurological illness. Minor Points 1. Treatment was with penicillin (not penicillium) 2. Gangrenous pyoderma should read Pyoderma gangrenosum 3. The abbreviations TPPA and RPR should be spelled out at first use (page 4). This is done on page 5. 4. Antineutrophil antibody should read antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibody (ANCA) 5. Spelling of Jarisch-Herxheimer reaction needs to be corrected.

## INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT

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