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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this case report, authors presented a 40-year-old woman with a predominately bulbar amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) developed acute severe hepatitis resulting from masitinib. Major comments 1.The presence of azathioprine-related hepatotoxicity is well-established. Although good response to azathioprine in this ALS patient complicated with drug-induced hepatitis, authors would have some discussion about the reason of the choice of this immunosuppressant (azathioprine). 2.It would be better that authors have some discussion for the possible mechanisms regarding masitinib-related autoimmune-like hepatitis. 3.Based on the pathological findings favoring autoimmune-like hepatitis and excellent response to corticosteroid as well as immunosuppressant (azathioprine), the title (toxic hepatitis....) seems to be inappropriate.