

ESPS PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The review of Graip Y. discusses the main concepts of the use of biologic agents, mainly those used for treating inflammatory diseases, in pregnancy. The manuscript is a comprehensive review which attempt to cover the main aspects of the management of those treatments during a special situation such as pregnancy in which, drug administration must be especially careful. Experience in the management of anti-TNF biologics is perhaps more extensive, but the use of other biologic agents more recently included in therapeutic protocols is more limited. Therefore, section concerning the use of other biologic agents during pregnancy is the especial interest. I would recommend broading this part of the manuscript since it would be very useful for physicians implicated in the management of pregnant women. Perhaps, addition of a table summarizing the main effect of biologic agents in pregnancy would be useful for having a comprehensive overview of the topic of this review. Finally, English needs a review and there are some typos throughout the text that should be corrected.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Editor, I have read and evaluated the manuscript entitled " Use of biologic agents for rheumatic diseases in pregnancy " which was sent to your journal to be considering for publication. Overall they have conducted a good, wise and impressive study. However, there are some issues about this manuscript. The authors should provide information and answer the questions before this manuscript accepted in this Journal. "It is a well designed paper based on a popular subject. Only key words can be rearranged. For example there are ankylosing spondylitis, rheumatoid arthritis, rheumatic diseases altogether. Ankylosing spondylitis and rheumatoid arthritis are both rheumatic diseases for that reason rheumatic diseases can be used instead of them."

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The author of this manuscript presents an overview on the use of biologic agents for the treatment of rheumatic diseases in pregnancy. Overall the review is written in a clear and concise manner. However, the rationale and potential side effects from the use of biologic agents for the treatment of rheumatic diseases in pregnancy are missing. The author may add an introduction why the biologic agents are suggested and a discussion on the potential side effects for the treatment of rheumatic diseases in pregnancy at the end of the article.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

A very useful article. One typo - page 5, middle of page "10%" should replace "%10"

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To introduce the discussion on the use of biologics during pregnancy in rheumatic disorders, it could be useful to discuss the relationship between disease activity and pregnancy outcomes. A complement to this point is the fact that biologics may impact on disease activity before pregnancy therefore favoring pregnancy. In the conclusions the author suggests to discontinue TNF inhibitors during late pregnancy. It is unclear on which basis he made this recommendation. A large debate exist on the time required to completely wash out these agents from the body. In general this exceeds three months. On page 9 there is a sentence on abatacept in the middle of the paragraph devoted to kineret that should be moved to the abatacept paragraph.