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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This MS is an interesting clinical report. However, some concerns are arisen which should be precisely addressed. 1. More detailed clinical course of the patient should be represented. It is unclear regarding changes of hypocomplementemia, thrombocytopenia, and hemolytic anemia during clinical course. Also, it is unclear about detailed immunosuppressive therapy for this patient. Did only plasma exchange effectively work for her serious condition? Again, detailed clinical course of this patient should be provided. It may be nice to use some figures describing summary of this issue. 2. More in-depth discussion regarding differential diagnosis between atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome and thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura in this patient should be needed.



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The manuscript looks fine.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Case report? The lupus-associated thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura-like microangiopathy“ by Blum et al. is according to my opinion, acceptable for publication. This is a case report about microangiopathic hemolytic anemia caused by lupus erythematosus associated condition called thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP) like snyndrome. The authors presented patient with this very rare entity and focused on their treatment. This case support a plasma exchange as a very important tool in the management of this patients. Since TTP-like syndrome is rare condition and every experience is important my opinion is that this article is acceptable for publication.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a very interesting clinical case of a rare complication of patients with LES. In the manuscript I suggest only minor changes: - Change venofer for the generic name of the drug (line 31 of the case report) - Define "MAHA" in the last line of the clinical case and not in the Discussion. - Change the word "plasmaphoresis" for "plasmapheresis" - To put the normal range of the laboratory exams in parenthesis is a good practice.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This report describes a patient with the lupus associated thrombocytopenic purpura like microangiopathy who were successfully treated by the several rounds of plasma exchange. Cases with lupus associated thrombocytopenic purpura like microangiopathy were reported in the past, but there were only 6 reports who were treated with plasma exchange. The patient is the 7th case who survived following plasma exchange. Specific comments 1. The patient's ADAMTS13 level was 49%, which was slightly below the lower limit of 56%. Please indicate when ADAMTS13 was measured. 2. What was level of the unconjugated bilirubin in the patient? 3. It would be better if the schistocytes of the patient is shown as an image. 4. Please specify what replacement fluid was used in the plasma exchange. FFP or something else?