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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 15455-review.doc).

Title: Pyoderma gangrenosum: An important dermatologic condition occasionally associated with rheumatic diseases

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

I have revised the manuscript as follows.

1. The abbreviation of RA is already spelled out in Abstract.
2. The organization of the text was now changed; *rare sites* and *associated manifestations* are now included in *clinical features*.

Also, differential diagnosis was added.

3. The term “Wegener granulomatosis” was changed to “Granulomatosis with polyangiitis”.
4. The references of the association of PG and psoriatic arthritis are now included.
5. We now clearly described the sentence, “Because the majority of patients with PG...”. This sentence is meant that the proper recognition of PG is important also for non-dermatologists.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Rheumatology*.

Sincerely yours,

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ESPS JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S REVIEW REPORT

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (ASSOCIATE EDITOR) COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This review describes some of the associations of pyoderma gangrenosum (PG) with rheumatological and non rheumatological conditions. Major comments: 1) This review should have an aim that should be clearly stated: if it was written to "educate" rheumatologists on its existence it should be mentioned in the opening lines. 2) If the review is aimed at a rheumatology audience I would probably structure the review in a different way by having separate paragraphs for the associations of PG in rheumatic and non rheumatic conditions. As it stands the layout of the review is a bit disorganized: initially with have a paragraph on Associated Diseases then later in the manuscript we have a section on Auto-inflammatory disorders and the relationship with other neutrophilic disorders. I propose the following scheme: a) Clinical features b) Atypical subsets c) Associated diseases: d) Rheumatological/autoinflammatory/non-rheumatological/other neutrophilic dermatoses) with their prevalence where possible; e) Histopathology f) Pathogenesis: pathergy etc. g) Differential diagnosis h) Treatment 3) Likewise could the pathogenesis different between PG appearing in rheumatic and non rheumatic conditons? Or would the disease expression/duration/response to treatment be different in a pure rheumatoid patient or in a patient with chronic myeloid leukaemia or myelodysplasia? Minor comments 1) The abstract is redundant in that it quotes twice the clinical associations of PG 2) it is obvious that the author's first language is not English: the construction of some of the sentences should be addressed and changed

slightly without modifying their content 3) The conclusion is a bit sterile; could be expanded; what lays in the future for PG? Is there a case for setting up regional/national registries for PG?

Dear Editor-in-Chief,

Thank you for helpful suggestions.

I have revised the manuscript as follows;

Major

1. According to your suggestions, I mentioned that this review provide currant updates of the pathophysiology of pyoderma gangrenosum for rheumatologists.
2. It is mentioned that there are no definite difference of the aspects of PG (pathogenesis, duration, location, response to therapy, etc) depending the associated systemic diseases.
3. The structure of the text is now thoroughly revised.

Minor

1. The abstract is now revised, and avoided redundancy.
2. The conclusion is now a bit corrected.

I shall thank Editor-in-Chief for helpful suggestions.

I hope that the revised version will be satisfied, and accepted in your journal.

Sincerely,

Toshiyuki Yamamoto