

## Peer Review File

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### Reviewer A

The authors discuss a new Evans syndrome diagnosis in a patient previously diagnosed with primary Sjögren's syndrome (SS). The case report could potentially add to the understanding of complications in SS patients and provide treatment recommendations. However, this case report requires minor revisions in order to be suitable for publication.

The authors claim that the treatment led to the resolution of symptoms. However, Table 1 shows elevated WBC count at the follow up appointments. These findings should be discussed as high WBC count might indicate an onset of infection(s) during treatment.

Due to the absence of infectious signs or symptoms, this mild increase in WBC count was attributed to glucocorticoid-induced marginalization. This has been added – please see lines 109-111 on page 6.

Additionally, while the case report describes a patient with prior SS diagnosis and the authors stated that “the association of ES with Sjogren's is uncommon” (line 155), it should also be noted that cytopenias may develop prior to typical sicca symptoms or as a sole clinical manifestation of SS (refer to, for example, Meena DS, Bohra GK. Primary Sjogren's syndrome presenting as autoimmune cytopenia. Clin Pract. 2019 Nov 6;9(4):1190. doi: 10.4081/cp.2019.1190. PMID: 31949888; PMCID: PMC6955628.)

This reference has been added as reference #7 and this point is now discussed in the Discussion (Page 7, Lines 132-134) and Conclusion (Pages 8-9, Lines 163-167).

Minor comments:

All abbreviations should be spelled out in full the first time they are used in the text (for example CTLA-4, LRBA, TPP2; line 118).

The abbreviations are now defined clearly (Page 7, Lines 120-122).

For clarity, spherocytes and platelets in Figure 1 should be indicated by arrows. Arrows are now included to indicate the spherocytes in Figure 1.

### Reviewer B

1. Abstract should be of 200 to 350 words in range and structured with Background, Case Description, and Conclusions.

2. Please add the scale bars of Figure 1 in the caption or to the figure.

3. All abbreviations should be spelled out on first occurrence in Abstract/ Main Text/ Figure/ Table.

4. Please include this information in the "Case Presentation" section of Main Text as well: "All procedures performed in this study were in accordance with the ethical standards of the institutional and/or national research committee(s) and with the Helsinki Declaration (as revised in 2013). Written informed consent was obtained from the patient for the publication of this case report and accompanying images. A copy of the written consent is available for review by the editorial office of this journal."

We were able to address all of the editor's comments with the exception of #2 (scale bars on the image) as we do not have this information in our original documentation in order to provide it since this is an image obtained from microscopy.