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Peer Review Report for "Solar Elastotic Bands of the Forearm: An Extremely Rare Presentation"

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Revision (0)

Here, you can see the **Reviewers**, **Associate Editors** and **EICs'** comments from the beginning to the end of the revision process.

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 17 Dec 2019

Dear AE,
It is a novel report. but it needs to exclude differential diagnosis with special stains.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) — 24 Dec 2019

Dear EIC
The reviewer(s) have recommended publication, but also suggest some minor revisions to the manuscript. Therefore, I invite the author to respond to the reviewer(s)' comments and revise his manuscript.
Kind regards,

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (0) — 24 Dec 2019

Dear Author,
Your article is reviewed by the reviewers carefully. According to their comments, this document needs minor revision. Please follow their comments as requested.
Thanks.

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Revision (1)

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You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

Reviewer’s comment - Novel report. Need to exclude differential diagnosis by special stains.

Reply – Thank you for the reply. Now, we have added in the text about special stains required to rule out other diagnosis such as amyloidosis and mucinoses.

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) 16 Jan 2020

Dear AE,
The authors have mentioned the stains that can be done to exclude the diagnosis of conditions mimicking this clinically. However, no actual staining of the tissue block is done.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 16 Jan 2020

Dear EIC
Based on the authors' answers to the reviewers' comments, the reviewer(s) have recommended publication.
Kind regards.

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (1) 16 Jan 2020

Dear Author,
The document is reviewed carefully by the reviewers. According to their comments and your revisions as requested, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks.