A patient with hereditary C1q deficiency

To the Editor,

Although C1q deficiency was well emphasized by Sun-Tan and colleagues, the 29-month-old boy was not clearly discussed in the recent issue of the Journal.

Did the patient have systemic lupus including renal and hematologic involvement or did he have discoid lupus? How was the patient managed and what was the outcome.

I believe a detailed family tree could be clearer for the readers with respect to the DNA sequences.

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Response to Dr. Özsoylu's question:

"As indicated in the paper, skin biopsy findings of the patient were consistent with SLE-like skin lesion defined in complement deficiency patients.

The patient was lost to follow-up and has not been seen in our department for the last four years; however, it was learned from a relative of the patient that he is alive (now 5 9/12 years old) and is being seen in another center. His skin lesions reportedly show occasional flare- ups."

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