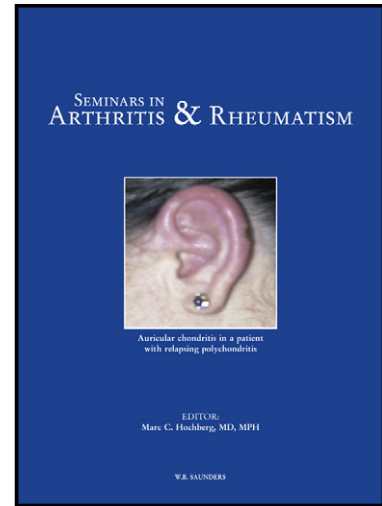


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We read with great interest the recent article by Shiwen et al. [1]
evaluating the clinical characteristics of lupus mesenteric vasculitis
(LMV) and demonstrated the frequent coexistence of the urinary tract
involvement and LMV in systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) patients of
which maybe represented a subset of LMV. However , we consider that
the coexistence of the urinary tract involvement (ureterohydronephrosis
and/or interstitial cystitis) and LMV may be controversial. In this study, a
dual diagnosis of lupus cystitis and LMV was observed in 22 cases (22/97,
22.7%), we suppose if these cases should be patients of intestinal
pseudo-obstruction (IPO) or LMV overlap with IPO, which is another
major gastrointestinal (GI) manifestation in SLE.

Up to now, reviews[2,3] on GI manifestation in SLE didn't support
the coexistence of the urinary involvement and LMV in SLE. However ,
ureterohydronephrosis and/or interstitial cystitis were highly associated
with IPO reported in more reports and reviews. About 63.3~84.6% [2,3]

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