Dear Editor,

We do consider that Dr A. Kuek and A. Östör’s comments are very relevant. We would like to emphasize the following points.

- The methodology we used as the first step of the process for elaborating our recommendations was the selection of the most relevant questions which should be addressed via a systematic literature research. The question of the use of methotrexate during post- and pre-operative periods and also the one of the use of methotrexate during the mild-infection periods despite considered as important were not selected during the Delphi process.
- This methodology explains why these issues have not been addressed in the recommendations we have proposed.
- The current attitude of our colleagues (to continue methotrexate in such condition) seems to be reasonable. However, it is also our opinion that such proposals might be more convincing if they were issued from an exercise similar to the one we used, i.e., via a combination of a systematic literature research and expert’s opinion perspective.

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