Reviewer’s report

Title: Life-threatening hypersplenism due to idiopathic portal hypertension in early childhood: Case report and review of the literature

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The quality of the manuscript is much improved and its "readability" is satisfactory. The author’s have satisfactorily addressed the critiques of the reviewers. The patient outcome result of the case report is excellent, but the cause-effect relationship of the abnormal marker expression and proposed pathophysiology of Idiopathic Portal Hypertension is still not without a degree of speculation since causality could be a "secondary effect" as well. The abstract, conclusions, tables and figures are all improved and should not need further modification.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.