Reviewer's report

Title: A retrospective study of acute pancreatitis in patients with hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome

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Major compulsory revisions
The authors describe 6 patients of hemorrhagic fever with renal failure who were deemed to have acute pancreatitis. I am not sure they have made a case for cause and effect. Even the diagnosis of pancreatitis was questionable in 2 patients with normal enzymes (pain, per se is a common occurrence in HFRF).
Secondly they have not excluded other causes of pancreatitis. There is no description of alcohol intake or offending drugs. One patient at least, had gall stones.
Thirdly autopsy studies with demonstration of the offending agent would actually clinch the issue. I admit that is not an easy thing to do.
Why can not the 6 patients be having vascular congestion in pancreas as well in conjunction with other organs. Aren’t the authors reading too much in the edema of the gland?
Lastly the report conveys a mistaken idea that these patients need to be treated FOR pancreatitis. I believe the treatment of patients with or without elevated amylase/lipase will remain the same.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.