Reviewer's report

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

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Major comments: The authors have explained that other etiologies of acute pancreatitis were excluded. And they argue that presence of pain and imaging findings despite normal enzymes are good enough to diagnose acute pancreatitis. One could debate that; though, the authors should discuss this fact (normal enzymes) in their discussion.

They also need to suggest the possible pathogenesis of acute pancreatitis in the viral hemorrhagic fever. And discuss why should occurrence of pancreatitis in their patients be linked to Hanta virus.

The conclusion of "In addition, when HFRS patients present with abdominal pain, pancreatic enzyme levels should be detected and imaging analyses should be conducted to assess the function and morphology of the pancreas to detect the complications of AP " needs to be modified because one cannot say that all patients of abdominal pain(65%) with Hanta virus infection should have a CT scan. And they should also discuss the implications of diagnosing AP in the hemorrhagic fever patients.

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

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.