Reviewer's report

Title: Acute partial Budd-Chiari syndrome and portal vein thrombosis in cytomegalovirus primary infection: Case report

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General

The authors report a case of Budd-Chiari syndrome and portal vein thrombosis in a patient with cytomegalovirus infection. This is a rare association and so far the association of Budd-Chiari syndrome and CMV infection has not been described in the literature. It is an interesting and well written paper.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The thrombophilic evaluation should be reported in more detail and the values of the examined parameters should be provided.

For the exclusion of an early hepatocellular carcinoma the value of alpha fetoprotein should be provided.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests