Reviewer's report

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

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Reviewer: Daniel Seehofer

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General
The authors present a well documented case report that suggest an association between CMV infection and portal plus hepatic vein thrombosis. All relevant clinical and work-up data are given. The association between CMV infection and vascular thrombosis at different localizations has been described in several case reports. Most of them have been found in women in the thirties taking oral contraceptives or having other risk factors for venous thromoses. However, the association between CMV and Budd Chiari syndorme in immunocompetent patients has not been described previously.

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It would be interesting to know, if this patient has a history of smoking as further risk factor.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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I declare that I have no competing interests