Reviewer's report

Title: Varicella Zoster Virus infection presenting as isolated diplopia: a case report

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This article reports an interesting and rare complication of VZV infection.

Minor essential revisions:
- from the abstract it is not clear whether we are dealing with HZ or varicella, recurrent varicella, recurrent HZ. Please specify.
- 5 th sentence abstract. I think that every clinical is aware of VZV infection, I suppose you want to stress the "atypical VZV infection".
- Introduction/ I would suggest to better separate the neurological complications of HZ and varicella, especially as the pathogenesis is completely different. In the introduction, there seems to be a little mix-up.
- Last sentence introduction. Previously healthy ?? this implies that the patient is currently not healthy anymore?? please clarify
- Methods. I would suggest to separate searches and use the search terms HZ, varicella, shingles, chickenpox, in order to make more potential hits.
- Case description; could you be more precise on the "syndrome" he presented?
- please provide normal lab values
- How do you explain that VZV serology was negative, this implies that this patients experiences a primary infection with the VZV virus, whereas your CSF PCR demonstrated a high load of VZV copies

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:

No competing interests