Reviewer's report

**Title:** Cytomegalovirus immune reconstitution inflammatory syndrome manifesting as acute appendicitis in an HIV-infected patient

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**Reviewer:** Sarah Rowland-Jones

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This manuscript is an interesting case report describing a case of appendicitis in an HIV+ patient, with strong evidence that CMV infection was implicated in the pathogenesis, occurring within 2 weeks of starting ART, with a clinical picture typical of unmasking IRIS. This presentation needs to be considered in HIV+ donors commencing ART.

The case report is well-written and illustrated and provides a thorough literature review. I do not think any revisions are required.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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