Reviewer's report

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

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# Major Compulsory Revisions
None

# Minor Essential Revisions
1. (Case presentation, line 82): The abbreviation “kg” should be written in small, not capital letters.
2. Several abbreviations were used prior to being declared, e.g.
   • (Case presentation, line 84): “PCR” - Polymerase chain reaction?
   • (Case presentation, line 95): “CBC” – Complete blood count?
   • (Case presentation, line 97): “CRP” – C-reactive protein?
   • (Case presentation, line 110): “EBV” – Epstein Barr Virus?
3. (References, line 189): Spelling mistake – “performation” – perforation?
4. (Case presentation, line 82): “CD4 count of 72 T cells/µL” – in line 80 CD4 count stated as “CD4 count below 100 cells/µL”, not T cells/ µL. Please be consistent.

# Discretionary Revisions
1. (Case presentation line 98) “Blood CMV PCR became detectable at 750 copies/ml.” – Recommend stating that this is a quantitative CMV PCR (or alternatively CMV viral load), as a qualitative CMV PCR result is usually either positive or negative.
2. (Case presentation line 90, 93): Recommend use of “examination” instead of “exam”.

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