Reviewer's report

Title: A Prospective Study Comparing Quantitative Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Polymerase Chain Reaction in Plasma and pp65 Antigenemia Assay in Monitoring Patients after Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplantation.

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Reviewer: Angela Caliendo

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General

1) Page 8, line 12. Define alternative - ? allogeneic

2) Page 9, line 27. ? BK virus leucoencephalitis or JC virus leucoencephalitis.

3) Page 10, line 27. Reword last sentence of paragraph.

4) Page 11, line 22. The previous sentence states that Ag is more sensitive than plasma PCR. The next sentence has Ag with a sensitivity of 62% vs. plasma PCR. Which is correct? Is the sensitivity 62% vs PBL PCR? Please clarify.

5) Page 12, line 4. Neither treatment failure nor antiviral resistance are not consistent with the clinical course described.

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

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 of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No