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: Fausto Baldanti

Reviewer’s report:

General
The paper has improved.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
None

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
1. page 7, 1st line "..two for disease progression.." indicate disease.
2. page 7, indicate r-e2 value.
3. page 9, the paper is dealing with quantititation of CMV pp65 and DNA. Please detail variation of CMV load in these three pts avoiding generic descriptive terms.
4. English requires attention, in particular the amended paras of the manuscript which appear also scattered with mispelled words.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests’