Reviewer's report

Title: Possible Roles of Epstein-Barr Virus In Castleman Disease

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1. The authors mention that there is a strong association between Castleman disease and Epstein-Barr virus, and an increased number of EBV-positive cells in germinal centers which is accompanied with more vascular proliferations in these tumors. It is of interest that angiogenesis, stimulated by vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), plays a central role in the EBV-associated Castleman disease.

What is the expression level of VEGF in the cases presented by the paper?

2. Interleukin-6 production in abnormal lymphoid follicles by germinal center cells was identified by both IHC stain and ISH in previous studies.

Did the authors of this paper find markedly elevated cytokine levels, such as interleukin (IL)-5, IL-6, and IL-10?

3. Some fundamental data in patient information is different between this paper and the other published paper in ANZ Journal of Surgery (SURGICAL OUTCOME OF SUPERFICIAL AND DEEP CASTLEMAN DISEASE) by the same authors.

Can it be corrected?

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: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.