Reviewer’s report

Title: Oxycodone-induced cholestatic hepatitis: a case report

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Reviewer: Paul Dargan

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unreported or unusual side effects or adverse interactions involving medications.

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is a well written and thorough case report.

For completeness there needs to be documentation of the patients normal ethanol intake and confirmation that he had not been taking traditional (e.g. chinese, ayurvedic) medicines - particularly in the 8 week period after discharge from hospital.

For the RUCAM score the authors reference Benichou C et al J Clin Epidemiol 1993;46:1331-6. This reference is to a modified score with rechallenge. They should reference to the original RUCAM score paper from the same group that immediately preceded the paper they reference in the same journal = Danan G, Benichou C et al J Clin Epidemiol 1993;46:1323-30.

What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable