Reviewer's report

Title: Cytomegalovirus colitis in a patient with recurrent colon cancer after systemic chemotherapy: a case report

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Reviewer: Dan Carter

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

Has the case been reported coherently?: No

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:

Dear authors

This case is a simple case report regarding CMV colitis after chemotherpay. Although CMV colitis was reported after 5 FU, I couldn't find reports regarding CMV colitis after treatment with CPT-11.

There are some questions regarding this case report:

1. Although the authors mentioned WBC count of 15300 at admission, the did not mention whether neutropenia was reported previously, during or close to the FOLFIRI treatment

2. Why immunostains for CMV where not preformed on the biopsies obtained from the colon?

What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable