Reviewer’s report

Title: Virological pattern of HBV infection in an HIV Positive Patient with a Fatal HBV-related fulminant hepatitis (FHB): a case report.

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Reviewer: William Short

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: New associations or variations in disease processes

Has the case been reported coherently?: No

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: 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?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

There a few comments worth discussing: the first paragraph under abstract discusses the hepatic and extra hepatic compartments in severe hepatitis but never adresses it again in the conclusion.

In the conclusion of the text, there is a statement about early treatment with antiviral drugs preventing liver transplantation or fatal outcome of severe liver injury--no references or data to support that statement.

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.