Reviewer's report

**Title:** Small bowel necrosis complicating a CMV-induced superior mesenteric vein thrombosis: A case report.

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**Reviewer:** Anthie Gatopoulou

**Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?:** An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

**Has the case been reported coherently?:** Yes

**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?:** No

**Is the case report persuasive?:** Yes

**Does the case report have explanatory value?:** No

**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:**

The authors described this case in introduction, as extremely rare, but there are similar cases published in English literature and even a recent meta-analysis referring to thrombosis associated with acute CMV. The incidence of thrombosis among acute CMV is estimated at 6.4%, with splanchnic vein thrombosis being more prevalent among immunocompetent patients. Also, it would be useful; if the authors could provide more detailed information regarding the investigating procedures the patient underwent, in order to exclude inherited and acquired predispositions for thrombosis. Finally, it would be very important if the authors could either describe a special or unique characteristic of the patient so the case would be rare, or add evidence that would further explain the causal relationship between CMV and thrombosis. Nevertheless, this report raises physician’s awareness further and the decision of publication is up to the editor.
Quality of written English: Acceptable

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I declare that I have no competing interests