Reviewer's report

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

Version: 1 Date: 24 November 2011

Reviewer: Victor E Gerdes

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

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?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The described complication of CMV is rare.
It is, however, again an indication that CMV infection may lead to thrombotic complications, not only in leg or lungs.
There is no description of the resected jejunum given. One would like to know whether there were signs of CMV in the intestines. Of course ischemia is also by thrombus formation without intestinal CMV infection.

Another issue is that I would prefer more information on the effects of CMV on coagulation proteins, and on what is known about the risk of venous thrombosis in this quite common infection.

Additional comments
Abstract. Conclusion: Acute CMV infection can contribute to the occurrence of mesenteric etc. (not: rarely cause..)

Next sentence is too strong. I would suggest: It is important for physicians and pathologists to be aware of the possible thrombotic complications of CMV infection.

Last sentence of abstract: potentially lethal (instead of almost lethal)

Page 3, last paragraph first line: suggestion: On day 6 after admission the patient complained of diffuse abdominal pain.

Finally, I would advise to ask a native speaker to check the whole manuscript.

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests