Reviewer’s report

Title: Safety and efficacy of Rituximab treatment for vasculitis in hepatitis B virus-associated Type II cryoglobulinemia: a case report

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Reviewer: Marco Cei

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?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The Authors nicely describe a case of HBV-associated cryoglobulinemia successfully treated with rituximab.

I’ve only some minor questions:
- the authors should clearly state if cyclophosphamide was stopped, and when;
- at the bottom of page 5 there is a typo error (creatinemia instead of creatininemia; I would prefer the term "serum creatinine");
- the authors should state when mycophenolate was added to the therapeutic regimen