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I, along with my coauthors, would like to ask you to consider the attached manuscript entitled “Eltrombopag in chronic hepatitis C virus-induced thrombocytopenia from Off-label drug use to on-label drug use” for publication in Journal of Medical Case Reports.

We report a case of hepatitis C (HCV)-related thrombocytopenia. Treatment for HCV infection was discontinued because of severe thrombocytopenia, with critically low platelet count. The new drug Eltrombopag was used as an off-label treatment once our patient stopped responding to intravenous immunoglobulin. Platelet count was re-established to normal levels after eltrombopag treatment was initiated.

This case is an example of base evidence life saving treatment with off label drug use which is some time inevitable to be used in medical practice; this drug was later approved for thrombocytopenia in chronic HCV infection.

We believe that the findings of this study are relevant to the scope of your journal and will be of interest to its readership.

This manuscript has not been published or presented elsewhere in part or in entirety, and is not under consideration by another journal. All study participants provided informed consent, and the study design was approved by the appropriate ethics review boards. All the authors have approved the manuscript and agree with submission to your esteemed journal.

There are no conflicts of interest to declare.
Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

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