Reviewer’s report

Title: Eltrombopag in chronic hepatitis C virus-induced thrombocytopenia from Off-label drug use to on-label drug use

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Reviewer: Beatriz G Guglieni

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: None

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?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

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 manuscript describes an interesting case report, and is written in a coherent and comprehensible way. However, there are several issues that should be revised:

1. First of all, the whole manuscript should be read carefully, because there are grammatical errors and words that are not written correctly. For instance, Elitombupag instead of Eltrombopag at the abstract. English grammar also needs revision.

2. Conclusions at the abstract are slightly different to the conclusions of the full manuscript. This matter should be revised.

3. In the first paragraph of the case report, when you are describing histological
sections, verbal time should be past tense, instead of using simple present, because you are describing the aspect of histological sections when they were taken.

4. When you are describing laboratory test results prior to the beginning of therapy, the meaning of the values in brackets must be specified. Are they the minimum and maximum values of the normal considered range?

5. There is no need to include the abbreviation for antinuclear antibodies, anti-mitochondrial antibodies and anti-smooth muscle antibodies, if these words are not going to be used anymore throughout the manuscript.

6. The references should be written following the Vancouver style.

7. In figure 2, when abbreviations are used, the meaning of each abbreviation should be written in the figure caption. For instance, the meaning of IVIG, ICU, etc.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests