Reviewer's report

Title: The first described case of Schistosomiasis japonicum diagnosed on liver biopsy in a patient with hepatitis B co-infection

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Reviewer: Melissa Osborn

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: New associations or variations in disease processes

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?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The authors report on a case of chronic hepatitis B in which schistosomiasis was found incidentally on liver biopsy. The case makes several important points: to consider coinfection in patients from endemic areas, the limitations of transient elastography in acute hepatitis, and the limitations of current diagnosis of schistosomiasis.

The case report is well-written and the discussion thorough and insightful. I have little to add or recommend for revision.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'