Reviewer’s report

Title: Syphilitic hepatitis: A case report and review of the literature

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The authors describe a case of syphilitic hepatitis. The diagnosis was made by liver biopsy.

Similar finding were reported recently (Murphy-CJ The Lancet Gastr &amp; Hep 2017).

However, the symptoms were clearly indicative of syphilis stage II. As far as I understand serological testing for syphilis was not done prior to the biopsy.

Information about whether the cutaneous manifestation involved the soles and palms is lacking.

Minor points: The authors refer to their recent litterature review - ref 1 - Journal name not included.

It is stated that the patient had hepatitis B - does this mean chronic hepatitis B?

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