Reviewer's report

Title: Portal hypertension as the initial manifestation of POEMS syndrome: a case report

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Portal hypertension has been rarely reported to occur in patients with POEMS syndrome. The current case-report describes a patient with simultaneous occurrence of these two conditions. The etiology of portal hypertension in the current case report is unclear, and from the clinical data provided, we cannot conclusively state that the portal hypertension was related to POEMS syndrome and was not an incidental finding. Moreover, the treatment of POEMS syndrome did not result in any improvement in the manifestations of portal hypertension.

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