Reviewer’s report

Title: Reactivation of resolved hepatitis B virus infection combined with nephrotic syndrome in a patient after allogeneic haematopoietic stem cell transplantation

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The authors have tried to reason out both the reviewers comments but some of them are not appropriate justifications.

1. The diagnosis of isolated liver GVHD cannot be made in the presence of isolated AST/ALT elevation and diagnosis will remain only possible without liver biopsy.

2. The authors need to acknowledge deviation from standards of care in terms of neither giving HBV prophylaxis during immunosuppression nor following up the patient periodically leading to HBV flare.

3. The diagnosis of HBV related nephrotic syndrome or nephrotic syndrome being a part of GVHD will remain unanswered as the biopsy findings are not specific for either and should be mentioned as so.

The authors would be better off accepting the limitations in this report.

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