Reviewer’s report

Title: Case Report: 8 years after liver transplantation: de novo hepatocellular carcinoma 8 months after HCV clearance through IFN-free antiviral therapy

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The authors are discussing a very important topic of de novo hepatocellular carcinoma in patients that have undergone orthotopic liver transplant. Most of these cases have simply been treated as curing of recurrent liver disease. Authors bring a very important point that treatment of such patients with HCV graft reinfection with DDA drugs should have other considerations including possible side effects, possible occurrence of HCC, and overall life expectancy.

The authors have presented with case very comprehensively and in good written English. They have described the case history very well as well as the treatment approach used and other potential considerations that need to be taken into account. They also discuss the current standard of care and the rationale behind it. The introduction and the discussion sections have also been very well drafted.

I believe that the manuscript does not provide any new information that is not already known in literature but it does add to the existing list of cases. It is worth publishing this article since it will allow the medical community to refer to yet another case of de novo HCC in patients that have undergone OLT and were treated with HCV reinfection with DDA drugs. I recommend that the manuscript be accepted for publication.

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