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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Reviewer: Amarpreet Bhalla

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Dear Authors,

This case report describes a rare scenario wherein the patient developed de novo hepatocellular carcinoma following HCV clearance in the transplant setting. Please note the following and revise:

1. Please correct the spelling of "prednisolone" or "prednisone"

2. In the paragraph for background the first two sentences need correction for tense and grammar

3. The pathophysiology of malignancy in the setting of induced immunosuppression in the transplant setting may be discussed

4. The pathological and molecular features of the reported tumor have not been assessed. Therefore the conclusions drawn may be considered hypothetical

5. The reference styles have to be revised as per the journal protocols

6. On page 6, sentence 42 the word "no" has been used twice which changes the meaning of the sentence.

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