Reviewer’s report

Title: Monitoring Chronic Hepatitis B infection in Chronic Lymphocytic Inflammation with Pontine Perivascular Enhancement Responsive to Steroids (CLIPPERS)

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Reviewer: Jose Carreno

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

Do you believe the case report is authentic?:

Yes I do. Even though CLIPPERS is already well known by the scientific community, an association with HBV infection is, up to the extend of my knowledge, a new association. That is why this is a helpful report that expands knowledge

Do you have any ethical concerns?:

No. this is a retrospective report of an association. Requires no intervention different to what is reported in the literature as lex artis.

Is the Abstract representative of the case presented?:

Yes

Does the Introduction explain the relevance of the case to the medical literature?:

Yes it does. Never the less in the introduction there are some language issues that should be taken care of because those made it difficult to understand the sentence meaning. For example "Even there were well improvement in clinical symptoms and resolution in neuroimaging after treatment". There were well improvement seems a wrong use of language.

Does the article report relevant patient information?: Yes

Does the article report relevant physical examination findings?: Yes

Does the article report important dates and times in this case?: Yes

Does the article report the diagnostic assessments?: Yes

Does the article report the types of intervention?: Yes
Does the article report a summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits?: Yes

If any information is missing from the reporting, please detail it here.: 

Even though the MRI pictures are clear, I didn’t find any description of the images and for non neurologists the relevant features as edema or contrast enhancement may not be apparent. I recommend that a brief explanation of the images is performed.

Is the interpretation (discussion and conclusion) well balanced and supported by the case presented?:

Yes it is

Does the case represent a useful contribution to the medical literature?:

Absolutely.

Was written informed consent to publish this case obtained?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?:

Yes.

Additional comments to authors?:

In the case report section, third paragraph antigens in CSF were studied including both Cryptococcus and HSV. No where in the text HSV is defined even though I guess it refers to Herpex Simplex virus. Maybe it will be good to clarify it.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Declaration of competing interests:

No conflict of interest declared.