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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors have to underline that portal portal hypertension, in this case, is not secondary to a real cirrhosis by rather to a pathology of the fine portal branches or to liver parenchimatous lesions connected with the rheumatologic syndrome.



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Interesting report, which can be of interest in the every day clinical activity. The paper is well written, with an acceptable narrative review of the literature. I have few questions which should be underlined in the discussion: 1) The patient was treated for two years

with HCQ abd TGP for 2 yeras. These drugs can induce per se liver damage when used extensively for a long term, namely in patients with genetic predisposition. 2) The presence of chronic portal hypertension is just an hypothesis; in absence of gastro-oesophageal varices, no haemorrhoids, to make a diagnosis of portal hypertension just on the basis of hypersplenism, 30% increased in portal vvein diameter it is just approximative. 3) The immediate response to steroids with reduced spllen dimensions and the presumed decrease in portal hypertension, sipports the hypothesis that the patient could have had liver damage on the basis of a reaction to the previous therapy. Despite my questions and doubts, the paper deserves publication to open discussions and to remind how liver parenchima can be very sensitive and damage-prone in many clinical situations.

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