

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Manuscript NO: 77719

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multiflorum: A case report

Provenance and peer review: Unsolicited Manuscript; Externally peer reviewed

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Scientific quality	[ ] Grade A: Excellent [ ] Grade B: Very good [Y] Grade C: Good [ ] Grade D: Fair [ ] Grade E: Do not publish
Language quality	<ul> <li>[ ] Grade A: Priority publishing [Y] Grade B: Minor language polishing</li> <li>[ ] Grade C: A great deal of language polishing [ ] Grade D: Rejection</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<ul> <li>[ ] Accept (High priority) [Y] Accept (General priority)</li> <li>[ ] Minor revision [ ] Major revision [ ] Rejection</li> </ul>
Re-review	[ ]Yes [Y]No



Peer-reviewer	Peer-Review: [Y] Anonymous [] Onymous
statements	Conflicts-of-Interest: [ ] Yes [Y] No

### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Thank you for your submission. Your manuscript is readable and very interesting. The manuscript is well organized and follows a clear flow.



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This is an interesting case of Polygonum multiflorum induced HILI. Also known as He-Shou-Wu or Fo-ti, it is the most common cause of HILI in China. It is mainly used as a hair supplement and to improve insomnia and coordination. The most common lesion is hepatocellular followed by cholestatic. The mechanism of injury is probably immunologically mediated. Patients received adenosylmethionine, glutathione, glycyrrhizin, and polyene phosphatidylcholine. Their efficacy or improvement in outcomes is uncertain, tough. I would suggest the authors reading systematic review on the subject (https://www.wjgnet.com/2307-8960/full/v9/i20/5490.htm). Although it is an interesting case, it needs major improvement in the manuscript. Introduction os not very well written; the case could be better presented and summarized; I would suggest defining which infective liver pathologies you have excuded; discussion is better, but it lacks comparison to other cases, and dicussion on the efficacy of the treatment used.



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Very interesting case and review for this rare complications of the PM causing concurrent neutropenia and DILI 1. please describe the possible mechanism of this herbal-induced neutropenia of PM 2. please describe why your team did not perform liver biopsy rather than bone marrow aspiration, your thinking process and any differential diagnosis from bone marrow biopsy?