

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Epstein-Barr virus-associated hemophagocytic syndrome during treatment for ulcerative colitis: A case report

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Reviewer's country: Turkey

Science editor: Ying Dou

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publish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advanced
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			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors presented a case report with Epstein-Barr virus-associated hemophagocytic syndrome (VAHS) in young patients with ulcerative colitis. This is a rarely seen life threatening complication in the course of the ulcerative colitis treated by



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immunosuppressive medications such as azathioprine. Title should be “Epstein–Barr virus-associated hemophagocytic syndrome in patients with ulcerative colitis on azathioprine: A case report” instead of “Epstein–Barr virus-associated hemophagocytic syndrome during treatment for ulcerative colitis: A case report”. This case presentation should be checked by native English speaker. After correction according to recommendations, this case is acceptable for publication.

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting case report. Author, please provide the following information: EBV DNA PCR quantitative before and after treatment Was CMV DNA checked? Laboratory data after successful treatment of VAHS and at latest follow up



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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors reported here an interesting case of EBV associated hemophagocytic syndrome in patient with UC. Overall the case is well written and interesting which shed light on the rare catastrophic side effect of azathioprine treatment. is it important to



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note, that the current guidelines in IBD world is to test the EBV status before commencing treatment with azathioprine, usually it is not recommended to start azathioprine therapy if the patient has not been exposed to EBV given the increased risk of infection such as acute primary EBV infection, i suppose as occurred in this case. I have few issues: 1- is the EBV status was examined before treatment with azathioprine, and if it was negative why it was begun ? does that patient was informed about the risks of treatment ? does the patient was in regular follow-up and lab examination 2- in the title it should be written "during treatment with azathioprine" 3- please add the number of EBV PCR copies to the text 4- in the case presentation section, correct primo to "primary" 5- insert all the lab results into table, it is easier for the readers to absorb that overall the case is interesting and worthy to be published after revisions, however, if the EBV status before commencing treatment with azathioprine negative, this issue should be addressed in the conclusion section with recommendation to carefully prescribe this medication in such cases. It should be remembered that hemophagocytosis is a fatal disease and caution should always be implemented to avoid this fatal consequences

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