

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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**Title:** Leukocytoclastic vasculitis caused by Hepatitis C virus in a liver transplant recipient: a case report

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not	language polishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	topic of the manuscript:
publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors present an interesting case of leukocytoclastic vasculitis that seems causally linked to an HCV viremia recurrence in a transplanted graft, with some improvement after HCV therapy was initiated. The text is well-written and concise. The photo is



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lacking however. The one picture of a foot that is presented is unimpressive. More skin photos would be useful, and especially the histopathology and abdominal imaging of bowel edema/purpura described in the text. This seems appropriate for publication as written, provided the authors can provide more photographs/images.

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dr.Ferreira GSA et.al report a case of leukocytoclastic vasculitis in a liver transplant recipient on maintenance immunosuppression and confirmed by Skin biopsy and Liver biopsy.Treatment of the antiviral showed great reaction and achieved SVR with a 12-wk



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and subsequent complete resolution of the symptoms. This case was interesting and highlights the difficulties of diagnosing skin lesions caused by HCV infection in immunosuppressed patients. Just few issues needed attention: 1) improve the English presentation; 2) need more picture, especially need the image which taken after treatment. 3) maybe need shorten the Manuscript

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article analyzes the current data concerning the risk of leukocytoclastic vasculitis as one of the dermatologic manifestations of HCV infection in a liver transplant recipient on maintenance immunosuppression. The purpose of this article is to show changes of

the clinical symptoms, biochemical analysis reflecting the leukocytoclastic vasculitis in 61-year-old female with cirrhosis due to chronic HCV infection, cirrhosis and HCC, underwent a liver transplant. To solve this problem the author has chosen an adequate research approach through description of the clinical case. The author showed obviously that this case highlights the difficulties of diagnosing skin lesions caused by HCV infection in immunosuppressed patients. Treatment of the virus with a 12-wk direct-acting antiviral regimen of ribavirin, sofosbuvir and daclatasvir led to regression of the symptoms within the first 10 d and subsequent complete resolution of the symptoms. The article is illustrated with 1 figure. The material is presented logically and correctly. I recommend the article for publication.

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