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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting case report. Several suggestions for revision are listed below: 1. About 1 wk after admission, the proximal skin of the thir to fifth fingers - correct thir to third. 2. Figures - the normal platelet count is 150.000 - 450.000 not 100.000. 3. Thrombocytopenia might have also occurred in the context of hepatitis B virus infection. 4. There are definitely more reports of paraneoplastic syndromes in HCC. Use the following key to search in PubMed/MEDLINE: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/> paraneoplastic* AND (hepatocellular* OR "liver cancer" OR "liver malignancy") Add a table summarizing the paraneoplastic syndromes identified and briefly review them. 5. It would be better to add the lab values in the table as well. 6. Did the patient have vitamin D deficiency? Vitamin D deficiency has been linked to the development of HCC. Use the following kew to search in PubMed/Medline for references: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/> ("serum vitamin D" and "liver cancer")