Reviewer's report

Title: Acute portal vein thrombosis precipitated by indomethacin in a HCV-positive elderly patient

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Major Compulsory Revisions

The authors present a very interesting case of PVT. However the fail to discuss in depth all the potential implications regarding the pathogenesis of this condition.

It is very important to mention the weight of the patient as obesity is a major risk factor of fatal and non-fatal thrombotic events including pulmonary embolism (obesity-related vs non-obesity related).

It is recommended for the authors to consult the following papers:


Therefore, the authors should state clearly if their patient was obese, overweight or of normal weight. Also, it is not mentioned if the patient has been investigated for a possible cancer. It is know that various thrombotic events may be promoted by occult cancers.

The authors should also mention if the patient was a smoker or not, the alcohol intake and if he had diabetes mellitus.

Minor Essential Revisions

Please provide a diagram reiterating the possible mechanism for the pro-thrombotic action of indomethacin. Also, the authors may wish to include the following papers in their presentation:


Discretionary Revisions
If possible US, CT and endoscopy images should be included in the paper.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests