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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Cytomegalovirus Esophagitis Mimicking Herpetic Esophagitis in a Newly Diagnosed HIV Patient: A Diagnostic Challenge.

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is
- Accept after minor revision.....Y.....**
- Accept after major revision
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	Y			
Techn. Quality		Y		
Clarity		Y		
Significance	Y			

Reviewer's ID: JPR- JPR-077

Detailed Reviewer's Report

This is a high-quality, well-documented case report with strong clinical relevance and good academic value.

The title is strong, specific, and clinically relevant. It clearly highlights the diagnostic challenge and the key condition.

The abstract is well-structured and provides sufficient clinical detail.

The introduction is comprehensive and scientifically sound, with good explanation of CMV pathophysiology and its relevance in HIV.

As this is a case report, the "methods" are appropriately embedded in the case presentation.

The case findings are clearly and thoroughly described with strong clinical, endoscopic, and histopathological correlation. However, the section is overly detailed in places and could be streamlined without losing diagnostic clarity.

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The discussion is excellent in depth, clarity, and clinical reasoning, particularly in differentiating CMV from HSV esophagitis and explaining mechanisms.

The conclusion is clear, clinically meaningful, and well-aligned with the case message.