Reviewer's report

Title: EBV-positive diffuse large B cell lymphoma in a patient with Primary Sjogren's syndrome and Membranous Glomerulonephritis

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This is an interesting case report describing a patient with a primary Sjogren's syndrome and nephrotic syndrome. The renal pathology is membranous glomerulonephritis. The underlying EBV related diffuse large B cell lymphoma seems to be related to renal involvement.

In the sections “background” and “conclusions” the clinical manifestations of the syndrome and the risk factors for lymphoma development should be presented according to the literature. For example the sentence “Sjogren’s syndrome can be accompanied by severe interstitial lung disease” is not supported by the literature. In the conclusion section, manifestations connoting underlying malignancy are mixed with manifestations which are seen as predictive factors for lymphoma development.

The pictures 1 and 3 a,b do not add any important information and could be deleted.

Syntaxis and grammar needs heavy editorial work

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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