Reviewer's report

Title: Incidental advanced-stage Hodgkin's lymphoma diagnosed at the time of radical prostatectomy for prostatic cancer: a case report and review of literature.

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Suggest careful proofreading. Multiple syntax and diction errors. English language editing service recommended.

2. Please state the patient's PSA doubling time just prior to the initiation of ADT.

3. How did the multidisciplinary panel conclude that stage IV HL was more aggressive than high-volume Gleason 10 PCa? What is the actuarial disease specific survival of these malignancies in terms of 1) natural history ('untreated') and 2) after aggressive gold-standard therapy?

4. This case report is poorly organized. It needs to become much more succinct. If this is to become an useful contribution the literature, it should roughly be organized as follows:

Here we describe the multidisciplinary management of a patient with Gleason 10 PCa who was found to have incidental stage IV HL after RP.

Workup after pathological LN examination included ______

Due to the need for adjuvant PCa-targeted treatment, a multidisciplinary strategy was constructed in order to define the optimal treatment of both HL and PCa. (describe rationale for treating HL first) and patient course

In the discussion, state what is the rate of incidental hematologic malignancies discovered on pathologic LN exam after RP.

State indications for bone scan and axial imaging pre-op at your center. State what the preferred diagnostic/treatment strategy would have been if the patient had undergone bone scan and axial imaging pre-operatively.

Shorten your discussion of CD44. It does not need 9 paragraphs--1 paragraph at most. i.e.: "CD44 has been found to be expressed in HL and normal prostate epithelium but not neoplastic/metastatic prostate adenocarcinoma. Consistent with this, CD44 staining in our case showed...."

Level of interest: An article of limited interest
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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