Reviewer's report

**Title:** Hereditary papillary renal cell carcinoma primarily diagnosed in a cervical lymph node: a case report of a 30-year-old woman with multiple metastases

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Major Revisions:
The authors describe a case of a 30 year old woman with metastatic papillary renal cancer in the absence of cutaneous leiomyomas. The authors key point is that inherited risk should be considered in patients with young onset cancer, even in the absence of the other associated cutaneous findings. This case of HLRCC being diagnosed without cutaneous findings has been described in renal cancer (Raymond, et al. Familial Cancer, 2012); and uterine leiomyomatosis (Kubinova, et al. J Obstet Gynaecol Res. 2012). Very young ages at metastatic diagnosis of renal cancer in HLRCC has been described (van Spaendonck-Zwarts. Fam Cancer. 2012), including metastases to a cervical lymph node. None of these recent papers are cited by the authors making the literature review incomplete. Without fully gathering the background information, this manuscript is of limited interest.

Minor Revisions:
1. Page 3; line 2 of case presentation - computed tomography
2. Page 3; line 9 of case presentation - verify spelling of hypodense
3. Page 4, line 10, verify spelling of receptor
4. Page 4, line 13; tumor size is stated as 4 cm, previously stated that tumor was "up to 5 cm"
5. Page 4, line 19, insert space between proliferation and rate
6. Page 4; line 23, pathologic not pathological
7. Page 4 line 24; Please clarify what is meant by "300x chromosomes"
8. Page 5, line 6: verify spelling of syndrome

**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