Reviewer’s report

Title: Severe hypercalcaemia and lymphoma in an HTLV-1 positive Jamaican woman: case report

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Reviewer: Julian W Tang

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Comments to authors:

General

The authors have answered my points well and expanded their Discussion accordingly to demonstrate the unique features of their case report. I have upgraded my assessment to acceptance, accordingly.

I would ask the authors to just add the numerical range of the normal calcium levels in paragraph 2 of their case report (as they have done with the other parameters). They do show the normal range in their figure 1, but having this in the text also would be helpful.

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Revisions necessary for publication

Suggest to add the numerical range of the normal calcium levels to paragraph 2 of their Case Report - in line with their presentation of the normal ranges of the other test parameters in this paragraph
What next?: Accept

Quality of written English: Acceptable