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Title: An unusual presentation of multiple myeloma: a case report

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We have been asked by Yousuke Takemura (peer reviewer) to make some alterations. These alterations have been outlined below;

1. Regarding the possible differential diagnosis of the raised ESR and shoulder pain- the authors changed the sentence ¿She denied joint stiffness, a history of skin rash, gastrointestinal or genitourinary symptoms¿ to ¿She denied joint stiffness, thigh pain, a history of skin rash, gastrointestinal or genitourinary symptoms¿

2. In the discussion, the authors changed ¿There is no information on the prognosis of cases presenting in this manner, but intuitively such a manifestation represents late disease with a poor outcome¿ to ¿There is no information on the prognosis of cases presenting in this manner, but based on the presence of anaemia, hypercalcaemia, renal impairment, advanced lytic bone lesions and high tissue M-component levels in this case, a high myeloma tissue mass was present, related to a poor prognosis *¿.

* reference is: Durie BGM and Salmon SE. A clinical staging system for multiple myeloma. Correlation of measured myeloma cell mass with presenting clinical features, response to treatment, and survival. Cancer 1975; 36: 842-854

3. Re consent from patient- we cared for the patient for several weeks prior to her death and obtained consent from her. We also have consent off her next of kin.

Thank you, yours sincerely Dr Stephen Bonny