Reviewer’s report

**Title:** A Case Report of a 33 Year Old Female with Concomitant Sinus Histiocytosis with Massive Lymphadenopathy (Rosai-Dorfman Disease) and Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

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**Reviewer:** ELIE DIB

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

**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?:** No

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

**Comments to authors:**

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Revisions necessary for publication

1- The Abstract should be shortened. The details should be left to the introduction and discussion.

2- In the case report section: the sentence: "significant sweating at night that did not reach the threshold for classic night sweats": should be replaced simply by: "mild night sweats".

3- In the case report: The following sentences should be deleted: "A chest radiograph suggested splenomegaly and an abdominal ultrasound revealed extensive adenopathy in the periaortic region with a more prominent hypoechoic mass at the left renal pelvis. A report of an abdominal ultrasound performed five months earlier at a separate facility was reported as being negative for pathologic findings."
4- In the case report: The following sentence: "In the chest, there were three lymph nodes in the aortopulmonary window and pretracheal areas measuring 6 to 8 mm and one larger lymph node in the azygoesophageal recess, Figure 1 Panel A": Please describe only the large lymph node (the one measured in figure 1 Panel A) and please dismiss the 6 and 8 mm nodes.

5- In the case report, please mention how the excisional biopsy was done: by laparoscopy? by laparotomy? by CT guided biopsy? Please provide the macroscopic size of the excisional biopsy.

6- In the case report: "Some histiocytes contained lymphocytes in their cytoplasm (emperipolesis)". Please mark with an arrow "emperipolesis" on Figure 2 Panel B.

What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable