Reviewer's report

**Title:** Primary osteosarcoma of the urinary bladder following cyclophosphamide therapy for systemic lupus erythematosus: a case report

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**Reviewer:** Harsh Mohan

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Findings that shed new light on the possible pathogenesis of a disease or an adverse effect

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

**Comments to authors:**

The case report deals with possible association of SLE on cyclophosphamide treatment with development of osteosarcoma of the urinary bladder in a young patient. The authors claim that the same has not been reported earlier which seems correct. On the whole, the case is well presented and has up-to-date literature and worth publishing. However, there a few suggestions for minor correction and amendments:

1. The use of the term "lupus" in isolation appearing at some places in the article may best be avoided and may be replaced with "SLE" since in parlance of pathologists term "lupus" is also used for lupus vulgaris (a form of cutaneous tuberculosis).
3. The authors may make a few corrections in spellings (hemolytic for haemolytic on page 3, polyoid for polipoid on page 4, trigone for trigon on page 4, remove expanded form of SLE on page 6 appearing again, continuous references sited at page 7 to be given as 10-12 instead of 10, 11, 12) etc.

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published