Reviewer’s report

Title: Clear cell variant of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma: a case report

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Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

Differential diagnosis

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?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

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 paper of Manxhuka-Kerliu and coworkers poses some problems regarding the formal presentation of the manuscript.

The Authors report on a case of DLBCL variant which was morphologically and clinically suspected for metastatic carcinoma.

Major criticisms

1. The Introduction section should be restricted to the morphological aspects and immunohistoprogностical data. Furthermore, it should be more specifically
addressed to the differential diagnoses related to clear cell neoplasms.

2. In addition the Introduction section should be reduced by at least one third.

3. The report of the case lacks of radiological findings. In particular, data on the clinical status of the mediastinum are not reported.

Minor criticisms

1. Figures are redundant. This reviewer suggests to maintain only the Fig.s 1, 2, 3, 4, 7. However, these figures should be technically improved.

2. There are a lot of typographical errors.

3. References should be completed.

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