Reviewer's report

Title: Low-grade bronchus-associated lymphoid tissue lymphoma stage IV with subsequent histologic transformation to an aggressive lymphoma: a case report

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Reviewer: Thein Oo

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

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?: No

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?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

(1) The title: Bronchus-associated Lymphoid Tissue Lymphoma is always low-grade lymphoma and therefore it is not necessary to put "low-grade" before "Bronchus-associated Lymphoid Tissue Lymphoma"

(2) BALT lymphoma is rare. Large cell transformation of BALT lymphoma is also rare. Cavity formation from large cell pulmonary lymphoma, although rare, is well recognized. This is a rare presentation of a rare disease.

(3) I'm wondering how the author reached this conclusion "The 5 year survival in patients with low grade BALT lymphoma is favorable and reported to be 85%. (From reference [4])"

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

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'