Reviewer's report

Title: Persisting right sided chylothorax in a patient with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia: a case report

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Reviewer: Umberto Falcone

Which of the 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?: 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?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The case is complete and very well written. I only suggest to have the text reread by an English mother tongue person, to improve the readability of the manuscript. Other cases of CLL/lymphoproliferative disease + chylothorax have already been reported in the English literature. Considering the rarity of this association, a review of the described cases, evaluating the eventual differences in diagnosis, therapy and evolution, would be very interesting and it would improve the quality of the discussion section.

Best regards.

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

I declare that I have no competing interests.