Reviewer’s report

Title: Satisfactory improvement in a case of sarcoidosis with clarithromycin (CAM) administration: possibility of apoptosis-inducing effect of CAM on sarcoid granulomas

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Reviewer: Hong-Kean Ooi

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:

Although there is only one case in this report, the information contained herein, especially the dramatic recovery from the symptoms after the administration of clarithromycin, is worth publishing as it might provide a hint for the chemotherapy of future similar or related cases.

Despite that sarcoidiosis was diagnosed after the initiation of clarithromycin therapy, the authors managed to provide sufficient evidences in their pathological findings to justify such a diagnosis. Furthermore, the clinical diagnostic tests as well as the pathological observations had been meticulously carried out.
However, the arrow indicators in the Figures need to be placed correctly in their original positions.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.