Reviewer's report

Title: ALK-negative anaplastic large cell lymphoma with extranodal involvement of the thigh muscle: A case report

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Reviewer: Timothy Chevassut

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?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is an interesting report of a rare presentation of a rare disease. It is clinically informative and generally well written. There are some minor linguistic corrections to be made, for instance the sentence:

1) However, rapid systemic dissemination had been occurred and the patients died of multiple organ failure 5 weeks after his first visit to our hospital.

2) Negative misspelt in legend for figure 3C

Also, could the authors state:

1) Whether T-cell receptor gene rearrangement studies were carried out
2) Were EBV markers looked for to rule out classical Hodgkin’s lymphoma?

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

No