Reviewer’s report

Title: Methotrexate-associated lymphoproliferative disorder in the stomach and duodenum: A case report

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No - there are minor issues

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Yes - the approach is appropriate

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No - there are minor issues

OVERALL MANUSCRIPT POTENTIAL - Could an appropriately REVISED version of this work represent a technically sound contribution?

Probably - with minor revisions
GENERAL COMMENTS: Some minor revisions are needed.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:

1. The keywords include Epstein-Barr virus. It would be better to remove Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) to stress that the reported case is instead classified as a MTX-LPD. Nevertheless the reported patients tested negative for EBV (i.e., ISH negative).

2. Since this report describes a single case, the therapeutic effect of the chemo-immunotherapy (i.e., R-CHOP) on LPD as well as RA could be considered.

3. Of note, it could be useful to describe the differentiated WBC count with particular regard to lymphocyte count.

4. Consistent with point 1, the discussion on EBV-LPD could be shortened.

5. With regard to ISH studies, it could be better to report the % of positivity.

6. It could be discussed that CD5+DLBCL is associated with a more aggressive outcome with respect to CD5-DLBCL.

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