Reviewer’s report

Title: Clinical presentation and characteristics of lymphoma in the head and neck region

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The present clinical study evaluated the clinical characteristics of 221 patients with head and neck lymphoma seen over an 8 year period. The 221 patients were retrospectively studied regarding their clinical picture, diagnostic methodology, histopathological findings up to the final diagnosis. The study does not contain any information regarding the treatment of these patients and their follow up including recurrence and survival. In the Patients and Methods section of the study as well as in the Results the authors describe with clarity the various types of lymphomas seen in their Department as well as the epidemiological findings, the various symptoms and signs seen in the patients, the manifestation of the disease, the laboratory findings and the methodology in obtaining the final diagnosis. As I mentioned earlier nothing is even mentioned about the way that these patients were treated either by the authors or by another department and which was the authors role in the therapeutic arm of this large cohort of patients. It is not stated if the therapeutic arm of the study is being conducted and the results are in the process of being presented elsewhere. Although the clinical parts of the study are complete and well documented the omission of mentioning the way these patients were treated and what was their outcome constitutes a very severe flaw. Before any decision is taken about the acceptability of the paper this important, at least to me, point should be addressed and clearly stated. The authors should re-submit their paper for consideration after these clarifications.

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