Reviewer’s report

Title: Spontaneous remission in diffuse large cell lymphoma, an unusual phenomenon?

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Reviewer's report:

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YES

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   - De-identified demographic information (age, gender, ethnicity) YES
   - Main symptoms of the patient YES
   - Medical, family and psychosocial history: THIS IS NOT PRESENT.
   - Relevant past interventions and their outcomes NO

b. The relevant physical examination findings; NO
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- Diagnostic methods YES
- Challenges (e.g., financial, language/cultural) YES
- Reasoning and prognostic characteristics (e.g., staging), where applicable YES

e. Types and mechanism of intervention  YES

f. A summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits YES

Comments:

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Comments:

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Yes/No

7. Is the Abstract representative of the case presented? YES

Comments:

8. Does the case represent a useful contribution to the medical literature? YES, but more information is needed for readers .

Comments:
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Thank you for submitting the case. These are my thoughts about this case.

1) We should include FLIPI score or IPI score for lymphomas for staging purposes. Also, what was the LDH? Also, it appears the patient has B symptoms and in that case staging should be "B".

2) ECOG Performance status should be included for elderly patients.

3) Family history and Medication history should be included.

4) Was the patient taking Steroids? On/off or regularly for his pulmonary condition as steroids sometimes mask the diagnosis (either relapse or new presentation).

5) We should explain why we opted for a core biopsy instead of an excisional biopsy of the cervical LN when we suspected lymphoproliferative disorder as our suspected diagnosis?

6) The cause of death should be explained and any post-mortem done?

7) Your review of all cases in literature is appreciated and it is definitely helpful for readers.

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