Reviewer’s report

Title: Pralatrexate as a Bridge to Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation: a Case Report on a Patient with Advanced-stage Extranodal Nasal-type Natural killer/T-cell Lymphoma Refractory to First-line SMILE Chemotherapy

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1. Do you believe the case report is authentic?
   Yes

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   Yes

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e. Types and mechanism of intervention

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

Comments: All mentioned requirements were met.

5. Is the interpretation (discussion and conclusion) well balanced and supported by the case presented?

Comments: Yes, this is a well-written case report

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Yes
7. Is the Abstract representative of the case presented?
Comments: Yes, the abstract summarized case well.

8. Does the case represent a useful contribution to the medical literature?
Comments: First-line and salvage treatment options in NKTL still remains yet to be elucidated. This case report add important information regarding salvage treatment of NKTL.

9. Additional comments for the author(s)? This is a well-written paper, good job.

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