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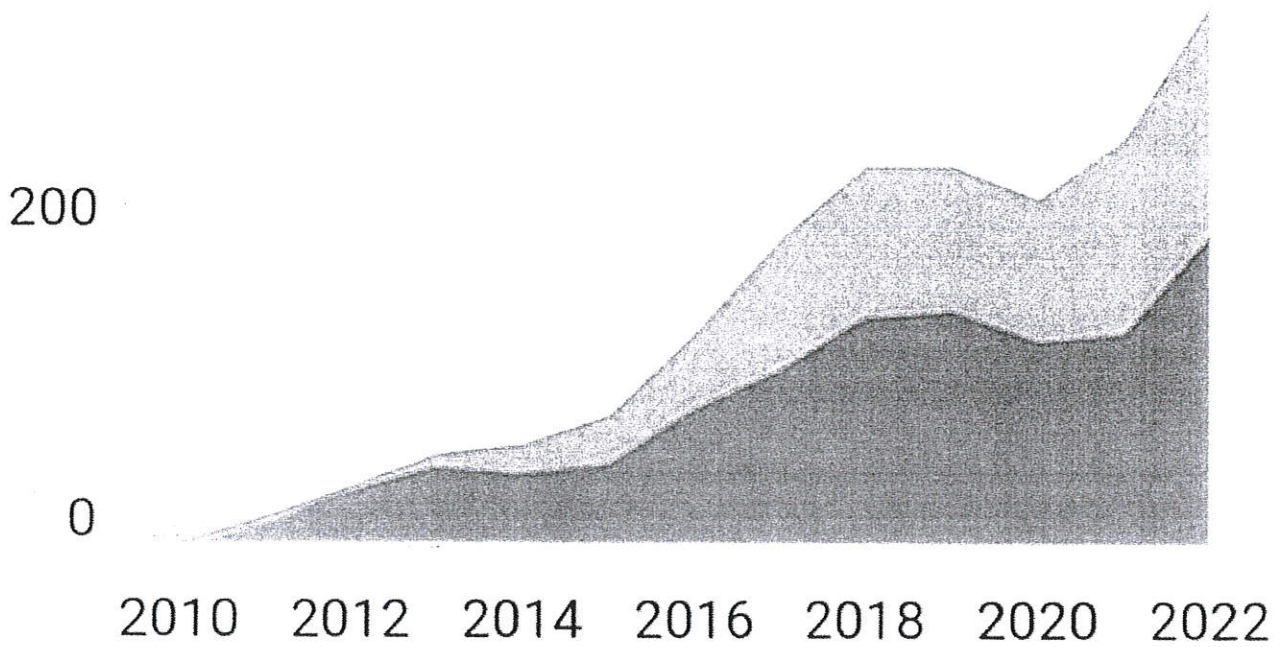
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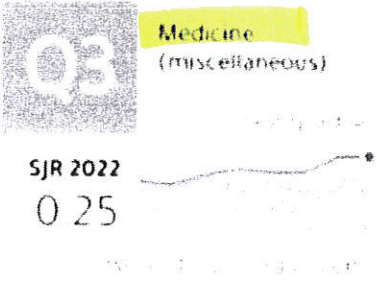
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2. In the title, it is advisable to provide the full expansion of the acronym RVI.

### Introduction

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### Case presented

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#### 3. Is the subject novel?

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#### 4. Why is the case important?

Is the literature review adequate and relevant to the case?

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1. Kaposi's Sarcoma is rare, especially in patients with CD4 that is not too low (>200), and the viral load is undetectable, so it is necessary to explore and more deeply other risk factors for KS in these patients.
2. The literature review is complete and relevant.
3. The limitation of this paper is that the author does not explain why KS occurs in patients with CD4 > 200 and low viral loads.

### Conclusion

#### 5. Implication?

This paper reminds us that HIV can cause many complications that may be atypical such as Kaposi's Sarcoma with generalized lymphadenopathy without skin lesions in the patient.

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