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Title of paper: Kaposi's Sarcoma with generalized lymphadenopathy in an HIV-positive Patient

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### **Title & Abstract**

**1. Do the title and abstract cover the main aspect of the work?**

Yes, it already cover the main aspect of the work, but there is some of my sugestions:

1. The title would be better if it could describe that Kaposi sarcoma in the form of generalized lymphadenopathy without mucocutaneous manifestations is rare (Primary lymph node Kaposi 's Sarcoma)
2. In the title, it is advisable to provide the full expansion of the acronym RVI.

### **Introduction**

**2. Does the introduction provide background and information relevant to the study? Please explain your decision.**

Yes, the author has briefly explained the background to writing the case and the uniqueness of the case. It would be more interesting if the author shortly describe the condition of the patient's CD4 and viral load

### **Case presented**

**3. Is the subject novel?**

1. Even though there have been several similar reports, this case is quite rare and unique
2. Yes, The patient confidentiality is maintained and no patient identity is disclosed in the writing
3. Yes, The patient provided written informed consent for the publication of this case report, following receipt of authorization from the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at Hawassa University.

### **Discussion**

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

1. Yes, the case is interesting, because the incidence of Primary lymph node 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 this 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

### **Figures & Tables**

**6. If the author has provided figures and tables are the figures and tables clear and legible? Are the figures free from unnecessary modification?**

the figure are clear, it is necessary to state what microscopic magnification was used, no other modification is required  
no table is provides

**7. Does the paper raise any concerns?**

1. After carefully reviewing the paper, I am pleased to say that it does not raise any concerns.
2. There are no ethical concerns to worry about
3. it is a case report, therefore no statistical analysis is required
3. the bibliography used is relevant and in correct Vancouver style, but some is out of date (>20 years)
4. Overall, the paper is well-written and no similarities to other articles published, no any apparent areas of concern

### **Competing interest**

**8. Do any of the authors' competing interests raise concerns about the validity of the study i.e. have the authors' competing interests created a bias in the reporting of the results and conclusions?**

After reviewing the disclosed competing interests of the authors, I do not find any concerns that suggest bias in the reporting of the results and conclusions.

**Recommendations to the Editor**

**9. Recommendations to Editors**

Revise - with minor changes

**10. Would you be willing to review a revision of this manuscript?**

Yes

**Additional comments**

Overall, I believe this paper is a commendable contribution to the field

**Confidential comments for Editor**

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**Peer Reviewer Competing Interest Disclosure**

none

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The author reported no conflict of interest relevant to this article