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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: A Diagnostic Odyssey: Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Masquerading as Recurrent Typhoid Fever with Concurrent Nephrolithiasis

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is
- ✓ **Accept after minor revision.....**
- Accept after major revision
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance	✓			

Reviewer Name: Dr S. K. Nath

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strengths of the Study

- **Originality and Rarity:** The case presents a highly unusual diagnostic challenge involving a rare masquerade of aggressive lymphoma mimicking common infections and stones, which adds valuable insight into differential diagnosis.
- **Clinical Relevance:** Highlights the importance of thorough and cross-sectional imaging in complex cases, and underscores the impact of anchoring bias in delayed diagnoses.
- **Comprehensive Detailing:** Provides an in-depth, cycle-by-cycle account of the diagnostic process, treatment strategy, and patient's clinical course, enriching clinical understanding.
- **Multidisciplinary Approach:** Demonstrates effective collaboration among specialties including hematology, urology, radiology, and psycho-oncology, emphasizing holistic patient management.
- **Educational Value:** Offers important lessons on differential diagnoses in endemic regions and the pitfalls of assumptions based on initial findings.

Weaknesses of the Study

- **Single Case Limitation:** As a case report, findings lack generalizability and cannot establish causality or broader clinical recommendations.
- **Literature Context:** The manuscript does not sufficiently reference similar cases or discuss existing literature on lymphoma masquerading as infections or stones, limiting contextual understanding.
- **Insufficient Detail on Diagnostic Workup:** While imaging findings are described, there is limited discussion on the potential role and timing of biopsy or other diagnostic modalities earlier in the course.
- **Lack of Comparative Analysis:** No discussion on differential diagnoses considered at each point or alternative management strategies.
- **Surveillance and Outcomes Data:** Follow-up period after therapy (beyond remission confirmation) is short, limiting assessment of long-term prognosis.
- **Data Presentation:** Some tables and figures could be better formatted for clarity; consistent units and terminology should be maintained throughout.

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Reviewer Comments

- **Title and Abstract:** The title accurately reflects the case focus but could be tightened for clarity. The abstract succinctly summarizes key aspects but should explicitly mention the key diagnostic hurdles and the importance of cross-sectional imaging.
- **Introduction and Objectives:** The introduction effectively frames the clinical problem but lacks a brief review of similar cases or the significance of diagnostic delays. Clear explicit objectives for the report should be added.
- **Methodology and Statistical Analysis:** As a case report, rigorous statistical analysis is not applicable. However, the description of diagnostic and treatment protocols is comprehensive but could benefit from a more systematic presentation.
- **Results and Discussion:** Results are detailed and logically presented; however, broader discussion relating to existing literature on similar diagnostic challenges would strengthen the manuscript. The discussion on immunosuppression and masquerade syndromes is insightful.
- **Conclusion and Implications:** The conclusion appropriately emphasizes vigilance and re-evaluation in atypical cases. It would benefit from clearer recommendations for clinicians encountering similar presentations.
- **Ethical Clearance:** The manuscript does not specify whether ethical approval or informed consent was obtained for publishing this case. Such disclosures are necessary, especially regarding patient confidentiality.
- **Language and Editing:** The manuscript is generally well written but contains minor grammatical and typographical errors, e.g., greater consistency in tense, phrasing, and abbreviations.
- **Tables, Figures, Formatting, References:** Tables are informative but can be formatted more uniformly. Figures are described textually but should be included as actual images for better understanding. References are not provided but should be added to contextualize the discussion.