

Dear Sir

I hereby submit for review the manuscript entitled: "A retrospective study of a cohort of adult patients with hematological malignancies in a tropical area." By Jean-Pierre Droz, Laure Bianco, Béatrice Cenciu, Maïa Forgues, Florin Santa, Jérôme Fayette, Pierre Couppié. This study is a part of a retrospective analysis which was the subject of a thesis to obtain MD degree (Laure Bianco). The analysis of 594 clinical files is strictly linked to the "true life" and daily practice of the authors during a three year period (2010-2012). We have extracted the data of patients with hematological malignancies. The strength is that this study represents the practice in such a particular area (tropical area but with European standards of care and management), this practice focuses on the practical problems encountered, medical, logistical, socio-cultural. These questions can apply to low and intermediate income tropical countries. Moreover this study focuses on the role of virus in tropical malignancies in general and hematological malignancies in particular. The weaknesses are numerous: it is a retrospective study, it is narrative, a lot of information is missing, and the pathological exams are of variable quality. There are also important biases of recruitment. Furthermore, this study, as agreed by the board of general medicine of the French West Indies and Guiana University (Hyacinthe Bastaraud Medical School), and being retrospective, the patients' information being anonymized, did not require ethics committee agreement and study registration.

The key findings concern the diseases characteristics on the one hand: common presentation and management of multiple myeloma, multiple diagnostic problems in lymphoma patients, importance of virus associated infection (HIV, HTLV1, and VCH). On the other hand this study shows the limitations for diagnosis and management of patients. These limitations are linked to logistic problems but mainly to the lack of well-trained physicians for pathological diagnosis and clinical management. Moreover the country characteristics and population socio-cultural particularities are factors which potentially render the management difficult. We are convinced that this study will help specialists to have an overview of the practice of hematology in tropical countries and particularly in the developing world. Looking forward to have an evaluation of this work and hoping that it will fit with the journal scope.

Sincerely yours

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