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Dr. Logan,  
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Dear ~~Bob~~, *Judith for info*

Re: Elsie DEVINE, dob 26.6.11

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I have reviewed this lady's results. She has an IgA lambda paraprotein associated with immune paresis but her urine is negative for BJP and there is no evidence of myeloma on bone marrow aspirate and trephine biopsy. Plasma cells are prominent but only number 6% of the nucleated cells present. Although her skeletal cell survey shows generalised osteoporosis, there were no lytic lesions. There is insufficient evidence for the diagnosis of myeloma or lymphoma.

I am not sure if her small IgA paraprotein is responsible for her nephrotic syndrome or is an incidental finding. The fact that both kidneys are small on abdominal ultrasound is against a diagnosis of amyloidosis and there is no other clinical evidence to point to this diagnosis. I have however asked by colleagues in histopathology to review her bone marrow trephine for evidence of amyloid (Congo red staining).

I am reluctant to offer chemotherapy to this elderly lady on the off chance it might benefit her renal function, given there is no other indication for chemotherapy at present. Her main problem is discomfort from bilateral peripheral oedema which has not responded to diuretics and deteriorating renal function. Her nephrotic syndrome may improve with empirical use of steroids which should also have a beneficial effect on her plasma cell dysplasia. As discussed with you by phone, I have referred Mrs. Devine to the renal unit (Dr. Judith Stevens).

I have arranged to see her again in two months with blood tests prior to monitor her paraprotein. I am happy to see her earlier if need be.

Yours sincerely,

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