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### INTRODUCTION:
- Hodgkin lymphoma is a malignant condition of lymphoreticular cell origin
- Affects approximately 7,500 Americans each year
- Typically presents with “B symptoms” such as fever, night sweats, weight loss and chills
- In rare circumstances, this disease can masquerade as an immunodeficiency or autoimmune process

### CASE DESCRIPTION:

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<th>Initial presentation</th>
<th>• 66 y/o male with a history of hypertension who initially presented with thrombocytopenia and neutropenia on outpatient labs</th>
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<td>• Abdominal ultrasound negative for splenic abnormalities</td>
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<td>• Diagnosed with ITP and treated with Decadron and IVIG</td>
<td>• Skin biopsy consistent with herpes incognito</td>
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<td>• Three months later</td>
<td>• ITP refractory to treatment</td>
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### DISCUSSION:
- There are a multitude of presentations of Hodgkin lymphoma.
- Approximately 1-2% of HD cases present as refractory ITP or neutropenia with the absence of B symptoms.
- Consideration of lymphoma should be made in cases with refractory thrombocytopenia despite normal exam and lack of B symptoms

### REFERENCES: