Reviewer's report

Title: A 63-year-old patient with Chronic Lymphocytic Inflammation with Pontine Perivascular Enhancement Responsive to Steroids. Need for prolonged immunosuppressive therapy.

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Major Compulsory Revisions:

1. I think T1 with and without contrast scan corresponding to the figure 1A/B Cor FLAIR should be added. I would also ask author to add the same cut MRIs post treatment with best response.

2. Needs better description of the neuro exam: for example: “Examination of the cranial nerves revealed a slight rightsided abducens palsy and an upbeat nystagmus”. Should be right abducens nerve paresis, Not use the word “palsy” based on the description. Make sure it is not an INO; Another example: should use V1, V2 or V3 distribution vs lower part of the face: The pinprick sensation in the lower part of the face was symmetrically decreased.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Edit English. For example: should use the word “close monitor”, not “narrow monitor”, in the sentence of: We present this new case of CLIPPERS to underline the importance of introducing maintenance immunosuppressive therapy after glucocorticoid treatment and the need to narrow monitor the side effects of this prolonged therapy.

2. Edit title to make it succinct: for example: Long term remission with early immunosuppressive therapy for a patient with the diagnosis of CLIPPERS---a case report

3. Please clarify the word: “Liquor” here or if it is a mistake. Cultures of urine, blood and liquor were all negative.

3. “Malignant cells were not detected”. What’s on the cytology study result: anything else present? such as lymphocytes?

4. Clarify this sentence: The patient was treated with 1000 mg intravenous methylprednisolone ( per day) for three days,

5. Clarify this sentence : Maintenance immunosuppressive therapy by oral prednisolone 80 mg per day was continued, adding methotrexate 2.5 mg (2.5 mg I guess, right?) (by mouth or IV) weekly to the regimen as long-lasting immunosuppressive therapy was probably needed.

6. I think, if permissive, add a table with labs results of blood tests: pre-MTX and post MTX and other two immunosuppressive drugs to better describe/display the
severe side effects.

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**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests