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Dear Prof. Kidd,

We would like to submit revisions to our manuscript entitled, “Ocular Pathology of Uncommon Hematologic Malignancies: Report of Two Cases” to the Journal of Medical Case Reports.

Here are the point-by-point responses to both reviewers:

**Reviewer 1**
Although the reports are clearly described and well illustrated, and the diseases were diagnosed with state of art methods, it will be very useful to include a brief paragraph mentioning other ocular involvement such as optic nerve, retina (vasculitis and uveitis), sclera, periocular skin, and to acknowledge a previous report of conjunctival involvement. Text extension constrains prevent a detailed discussion of both diseases. I will suggest reducing the comments regarding myelodysplastic syndrome. Forman & Rosenbaum, J Neuroophthalmol 1998; Font, et al. J Am Acad Dermatol 1990; Mckay, et al. Aust N Z Ophthalmol 1990; Tse, et al. Retina 1985; Chung, et al. Ophthalmologica 1988.

In response to Referee #1’s review and comments, we have abbreviated our discussion of myelodysplastic syndrome and incorporated a paragraph mentioning involvement of other ocular structures including the optic nerve, retina, sclera, and adnexa. An additional reference has been added to document involvement of other ocular structures.

**Reviewer 2**
For completeness, the authors should consider including this reference: Chung, et al. Ophthalmologica 1988.

In response to comments from Referee #2, we have cited an additional reference for the sake of completeness that documents conjunctival involvement in lymphomatoid granulomatosis.

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count for text, including abstract, is 1,192. There are 2 figures and 10 references. All authors have reviewed the manuscript and agreed to submit to your journal. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me: Building 10, Room 10N103, National Eye Institute, NIH, 10 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-1857, Tel. (301) 496-0417, Fax (301) 402-8664, e-mail: chanc@nei.nih.gov.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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