Reviewer's report

Title: Simultaneous splenic mantle cell lymphoma and bone marrow marginal zone lymphoma with peripheral expression. A rare case of discordant lymphoma

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Reviewer: Luca Arcaini

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Carulli et al reported a patient with simultaneous splenic mantle cell lymphoma and bone marrow marginal zone lymphoma.

MAJOR POINTS
1) FISH to detect the (11;14) translocation should be performed on bone marrow and spleen.
2) Authors should add information on Ig rearrangement on bone marrow and spleen (same clone?)

MINOR POINTS
1) In discussion authors should change the following sentence and its reference: "Splenic MZL is often treated with anti-CD20 MoAb (Rituximab) associated with
2-CDA (6)".

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests