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Reviewer's report:

The authors have satisfactorily addressed most of my concerns. However, there are still several minor issues that need to be addressed.

Minor essential revisions

1. Please indicate the intensity of lambda light chain expression by flow cytometry (Dim? Moderate? Strong?) The intensity of Slg expression was dim. This has been added to the manuscript.

2. Please state that conventional karyotype was not done, but FISH was negative for CCND1-IGH. This has been added to the manuscript.

2. Line 147. Please give an approximate percentage of cutaneous manifestations in CLL/SLL rather than simply stating “uncommon”, and state the reference. This has been added to the manuscript. There is a broad range due to the fact that most reviews have included infiltration of the skin with CLL/SLL (LC) and other malignant infiltrates or nonmalignant disorders.

3. What are the usual dermatologic manifestations of leukemic cutis in CLL/SLL? For example, nodules, papules,
plaques, group or solitary? Please state briefly after line 147 before discussing the current case. This has been added to the manuscript.

4. Because of the concerns raised by reviewer 1 regarding the possibility of cyclin D1-negative mantle cell lymphoma, is it possible to do SOX11 to further evaluate for cyclin D1-negative MCL? If not, please explain briefly in discussion. Reviewer 1 has no further comments, so I assume he is satisfied that the case described in this report is not mantle cell lymphoma. Sox11 expression is seen in the majority of cases of MCL. It would have been useful if this patient was clinically and morphologically MCL but cyclin D1 expression and t(11;14) negative. That was not the case, so SOX11 IHC was not done. (Wasik et al. Leuk Lymphoma 2015;56(5):1425-31. We will add this information to the manuscript.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.