Reviewer's report

Title: Small lymphocytic lymphoma with florid perniosis-like features: a case report

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In this case report, Morris described a case of small lymphocytic lymphoma presenting with florid perniosis-like features during the course of disease. Although various cutaneous presentations of CLL/SLL have been reported, this type of cutaneous presentation is very unusual and to my understanding, has not been reported.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The peripheral blood count (CBC) needs to be stated in detail.
2. The bone marrow, liver and gall bladder pathology is vague and needs to be described in greater detail. The immunophenotype of the neoplastic B cells in these sites has to be stated. The differential diagnosis of a CD5-positive marginal zone lymphoma cannot be excluded, and the diagnosis of an SLL cannot be definitively concluded with the current data.
3. The discussion was not well written and appeared too focused on cutaneous malignancies associated with CLL. It should be more devoted to discussing specific cutaneous manifestations caused by leukemic cutis, followed by other cutaneous manifestations closely associated with CLL/SLL, but without lymphoid infiltrate, and finally neoplastic and non-neoplastic dermatologic conditions associated with CLL/SLL.

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.