

De Novo CD5-positive Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma in the leukemic phase: A case report and review of the literature

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ABSTRACT

Recent advances have led to major progress in the classification of lymphomas with better understanding of the cellular immunophenotyping and molecular biology. The expression of CD5 and presentation in the leukemic phase in patients diagnosed with diffuse large B-Cell lymphoma are usually stigmata of an aggressive disease with a poor prognosis. Controversy arises concerning the management of these aggressive forms of DLBCL with the absence of clear recommendations guiding the oncologist's choice. In this paper, we report the occurrence of a CD5-positive DLBCL manifesting in the leukemic phase in an elderly patient