Data review on a new flow cytometry panel for the diagnosis of low grade B-cell lymphoproliferative disease

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BACKGROUND

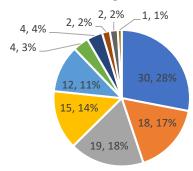
Low grade B-cell lymphoproliferative disease(B-CLPD) has a relatively high prevalence around the world. Accurate subclassification of B-CLPD is essential for better patient care, affecting management strategy.

OBJECTIVE AND METHODOLOGY

To review the performance of a new 8-color, 21-marker (CD45, CD19, CD3, CD4, CD8, CD56, CD20, CD79b, kappa/lambda light chain, CD5, CD23, CD10, CD200, CD11c, CD43, CD81, IgM, CD31, CD305 and CD38) flow cytometry panel in the diagnosis of B-CLPD during Oct 2018 and June 2020. Data was reviewed with no interobserver bias by one pathologist with experience in reporting flow cytometry result.

RESULT

Newly diagnossed B-CLPD(107 cases) subclassification during Oct 2018 and June 2020



- Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia/Small lymphocytic lymphoma(CLL/SLL)
- CD5-positive B-cell lymphoproliferative disease, unclassifiable
- B-cell lymphoma with plasmacytic differentiation
- Monoclonal B-cell lymphocytosis
- CD5-negative B-cell lymphoproliferative disease, unclassifiable
- Follicular lymphoma(FL)
- Mantle cell lymphoma(MCL)
- Splenic diffuse red pulp small B-cell lymphoma(SDRPL)
- Splenic lymphoma with villous lymphocytes(SLVL)
- B-cell prolymphocytic leukaemia(B-PLL)

| | CLL/SLL (30) | MCL classic (2) | FL (4) | SDRPL (2) | SLVL (2) | B-PLL (1) |
|----------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------|---|--|--------------|
| Light chain | Less than normal (26/30) | Bright | NI | NI | NI | Bright |
| CD20 | Less than normal (26/30) | NI | NI | NI | NI | Bright |
| CD79b | Dim/neg (25/30) | NI | NI | NI | NI | NI |
| IgM | Dim/neg (22/30) | Moderate to bright/ Bright | NI | Neg | Neg | Bright |
| CD5 | Pos | Pos | Neg | NI | NI | NI |
| CD23 | Pos (27/30) | Neg | NI | NI | NI | NI |
| CD10 | NI | NI | Pos | NI | NI | NI |
| CD200 | Moderate to bright/bright (28/30) | Neg | NI | NI | NI | NI |
| CD43 | Moderate/ moderate to bright (24/30) | NI | Neg | NI | NI | NI |
| CD31 | NI | NI | Neg | NI | NI | NI |
| CD305 | NI | NI | Neg | Moderate to bright/ Bright | Moderate to bright/ Bright | NI |
| CD11c | NI | NI | NI | Dim to moderat/ moderate to bright | Dim to moderate/ moderate to bright | NI |

Dim staining is defined by slightly increased when compared to negative control Moderate staining is defined by at least one log decade brighter than negative control Bright staining is defined by at least two log decades brighter than negative control NI indicate Not informative

CONCLUSION

The new 8-color flow cytometry panel is powerful in assisting the diagnosis and subclassification of low-grade B-cell lymphoproliferative disease.