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Dear Dr. Ma,

Re: Manuscript reference No. 67459

Please find attached a revised version of our manuscript entitled “Coexistent Vestibular Schwannoma and Meningioma in a patient Without Neurofibromatosis: A Case Report and Literature Review”, which we would like to resubmit for publication in *World Journal of Clinical Cases*.

The comments of the reviewers were highly valuable and insightful and enabled us to greatly improve the quality of our manuscript. In the following pages are our point-by-point responses to each of the comments of the reviewers.

Revised portions in the text are marked in **red font**. We hope that the revisions in the manuscript and our accompanying responses will be sufficient to make our manuscript suitable for publication in *World Journal of Clinical Cases*.

We shall look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,
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Responses to the comments of the Reviewer #1:

1. Response to comment Q1“There have been several theories trying to explain the coincidence of two completely separate primary brain tumors. Could you analyze which theory is suitable for this case? ”

Response: We thank the Reviewer for identifying this important comment. We believe that the theories of the neoplastic microenvironment and genetics are the most likely causes, considering our case presented herein. We have also expanded our explanation in the manuscript (Line ***, page ***)).

2. Response to comment Q2“Tsukamoto et al. discussed the association of meningioma and neurinoma, which could be determined genetically, since the genes responsible for the occurrence of these tumors are both located on chromosome 22. Whether this aspect of tests are carried out. This theory may also be true for this patient. If it is not tested, can you discuss it or explain the relevant situation.

Response:

- 1) We thank the Reviewer for identifying this issue. Indeed, the role of the *merlin gene* on chromosome 22 in the development of meningioma and schwannoma has been widely adopted in recent years. We have added this theory to the manuscript, as well as the related research progress (Line ***, page ***)).
- 2) There has not been any next-generation sequencing on this case due to refusal on the part of the patient and her immediate family. We have added explanation on this theory in the discussion (Line ***, page ***)).

Dear Editor and Reviewer, special thanks to you for reviewing my thesis and for making such, professional and constructive comments. Your suggestions are very valuable and will significantly help us in revising and improving our paper, as well as immeasurable guiding significance for our studies now and in the future.

We tried our very best to make changes in the manuscript according to the Editor and Reviewers' comments to improve the manuscript. These changes have not influenced the content and framework of the paper. We have not listed the changes here, but marked them in **red** in the revised version of the manuscript. We appreciate the Editor and Reviewers' work, and hope that the corrections made will meet with your approval.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.