

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 14509-edited.doc).

Title: Ovarian thecal metaplasia of the adrenal gland in association with Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Figures 1-3 should display orientation (R, L) and Black boxes should be one size.

Response: updated.

(2) It would be important to bring more details about the previous medical history of the presented patient. What kind of surgical treatment had been undertaken in this case before adrenal tumor was found. She had bilateral Wilms tumor and pancreatic neuroendocrine tumor.

Response: The manuscript has been updated and highlighted.

(3) The authors should be more precise in description of the surgical technique. First they mention laparotomy and later they claim the patient had underwent laparoscopy.

Response: Surgical details has been updated and highlighted.

(4) Why did the surgeons performed pancreatic resection? Final pathology of the resected specimen of the distal pancreas has not been reported at all:

Response: The presence of a neuroendocrine tumor in the pancreatic resection specimen been described in the section entitled "Case report". We do not describe the pancreatic pathology in detail because we do not believe it will add any information to a paper describing the radiographic findings of adrenal thecal metaplasia

(5) the pathological description of the adrenal tumor is so scarce. One of the author represents the Department of Pathology. Was histology the sole technique performed? . What about immunohistology (chemistry) and other more sophisticated modern diagnostic techniques:

Response: Adrenal thecal metaplasia is a histologic diagnosis alone. There are no current immunohistochemical stains or special stains that are specific for the diagnosis, Which rests on the identification of plump spindle cells resembling a myofibroblastic or scar like lesion, in continuation

with the adrenal cortex. The adrenal gland did show an adenoma that was separate from the adrenal thecal metaplasia, for which immunohistochemical stains were performed. The manuscript has been updated to these findings and highlighted.

(6) Please add PubMed citation numbers and DOI citation to the reference list and list all authors. Response: References 3 to 7 no DOI could be found at pubmed, and in reference 5 neither PMID nor DOI could be found.

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3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Radiology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Khaled Elsayes". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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