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RE: Manuscript NO: 19705

Beutler BD, Cohen PR: Sarcoma-associated sarcoid reaction: report of cutaneous sarcoid reaction in a patient with liposarcoma

Dear Fang-Fang Ji and *World Journal of Clinical Cases* Editorial Office:

Thank you for your letter from June 24, 2015. My co-author and I sincerely appreciate the thoughtful recommendations. We have incorporated all revisions into the manuscript, as described below. Please note that revisions are highlighted in **boldface**.

Editor

When you send back, please provide the format of doc, not the pdf. Thank you!

As per your request, the revised manuscript has been re-submitted as a DOC file.

Institutional review board statement

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We have included an Institutional Review Board statement noting that the case report was exempt from the Institutional Review Board standards.

Informed consent statement

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of informed consent is absolutely necessary, unless the participant is deceased. In addition, a copy of any approval document(s)/letter(s) or waiver should be provided to the BPG in PDF format.

We have included an informed consent statement on the title page. In addition, we have attached a signed patient photograph consent as a PDF document.

Conflict-of-interest statement

A conflict-of-interest statement is required for all article and study types. In the interests of transparency and helping reviewers to assess any potential bias in a study's design, interpretation of it results or presentation of its scientific/medical content, the BPG requires all authors of each paper to declare any conflicting interests (including but not limited to commercial, personal, political, intellectual, or religious interests) in the title page that are related to the work submitted for consideration of publication. In addition, reviewers are required to indicate any potential conflicting interests they might have related to any particular paper they are asked to review, and a copy of signed statement should be provided to the BPG in PDF format.

We have included a conflict-of-interest statement confirming that all of the authors have no conflicts of interest to declare.

An informative, unstructured abstract of no less than 150 words should accompany each manuscript.

Thank you for the recommendation. We have modified the abstract as per the instructions.

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We have included an MP3 file containing the audio core tip.

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All reference numbers are now in square brackets in superscript.

Please write the comments.

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Please summarize main symptoms in one sentence.

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Please summarize experiences and lessons learnt from the case in one sentence.

*Thank you for the excellent recommendation. All ten comments are now included in the **COMMENTS** section at the end of the paper.*

Reviewer 1

Authors describe a patient with retroperitoneal liposarcoma that developed cutaneous sarcomatoid reaction. The authors, however, do not tell us the size and (sub)type of the liposarcoma...

We appreciate the excellent recommendation. The size of the tumor is now cited in the manuscript. However, we did not have data pertaining to the subtype of the liposarcoma.

...was surgery performed, did the tumor metastasize, and if - where, type of therapy (if any)...

The tumor was inoperable and thus treatment with pazopanib hydrochloride was initiated. Metastases to lymph nodes was also observed. This information is now included in the manuscript.

Are the authors certain that this reaction was connected to this tumor?

Thank you for your inquiry. Sarcoid reaction has been associated with various malignancies (see: Brincker H: Sarcoid reactions in malignant tumors. Cancer Treat Rev. 1986;13(3):147-156. PMID: 3536088.). The temporal relationship between the diagnosis of liposarcoma and the development of sarcoid reaction leads us to believe that there was an etiological link between the two conditions in this patient.

Reviewer 2

Comments: 1) Can the authors provide more information on the liposarcoma (subtype, location, recurrence/metastasis). How was the patient treated? This is useful information in this context.

Thank you for the insightful recommendation. We have now included additional information on the liposarcoma, including size, metastasis, and treatment.

2) Have the authors followed the guidelines and jurisdiction regarding studies involving cancer patients and sought approval to carry out and publish this study from a institutional medical ethical committee? Please specify in manuscript and provide proof of approval.

We have now included an Institutional Review Board statement.

I was surprised to see the name of the patient in full on the form included as supplemental data.

We apologize for this oversight. We will ensure that supplemental data is not presented to reviewers when submitting the revised manuscript.

We sincerely hope that our revised manuscript is now in suitable form for publication in World Journal of Clinical Cases. If there are any further recommendations, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for your letter from September 18, 2015. My co-author and I sincerely appreciate the thoughtful recommendations provided by the Chief Editor. We have incorporated all revisions into the manuscript and feel that both the Abstract and Discussion have been significantly improved.

We hope that our revised manuscript is now in suitable form for publication in *World Journal of Clinical Cases*. If there are any further recommendations, please contact us.

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