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Dear Editor:

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript entitled "Perianal plexiform schwannoma: MRI findings for differential diagnosis" for your consideration for publication in the *World Journal of Clinical Cases*.

We thank reviewer for his helpful and careful revisions. We appreciate the overall positive comments of the reviewer and have incorporated his suggestion, which may help us to improve the manuscript. We have addressed the reviewer's concern in the response below.

Reviewer 1 comments:

Dear authors This is a well written article with a clear message. I have one comment: there are few cases of perineal schwannoma published in the literature. Would you explain how to differentiate between sub-types of schwannomas?

Author response:

Although a number of morphological variants of schwannomas have been recognized, including plexiform, ancient, cellular, verocay-body prominent, epithelioid, microcystic/reticular, hybrid and neuroblastoma-like schwannomas, the common morphological subtype of perineal schwannomas in published few cases is an ancient schwannoma. Herein, we focus on MRI differentiation between a plexiform and an ancient schwannoma. The detailed contents have been added in the 4th paragraph of the discussion in the revised manuscript. Accordingly, the contents associated with an ancient schwannoma have been added into abstract and Table 1. Revised portion are marked in blue in the manuscript.

We also thank editors for their thorough and thoughtful review of our manuscript. We have gone through and made edits in format as noted under track changes of our edited document, referring to the formatting example for case report. We have supplemented contents in “article highlights” as indicated at the end of our edited manuscript. Revised portions are marked in red in the manuscript.

Other changes:

In Table 1, “Item” was added. The abbreviations of “PS”, “LPS” and “PN” were corrected as “Plexiform schwannoma”, “Liposarcoma” and “Plexiform neurofibroma” respectively.

We hope the revised manuscript is now suitable for publication and will be happy to provide further information or make further revisions if required. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

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