

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 4672-review.doc).

Title: Cystic benign teratoma of the neck in adult.

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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 reviewers:

(1) Reviewer: I read the manuscript named " Cystic benign teratoma of the neck in adult " that have been submitted to your World Journal of Clinical Cases and my recommendations are as follows; This manuscript is well written and documented. Teratomas should be considered in the differential diagnosis of cervical masses. This article is remarkable with this aspect. I think that this manuscript is suitable and worth to be published in World Journal of Clinical Cases

Answer: We thank the reviewer for his/her comment on the manuscript.

(2) Reviewer: English needs proofreading... There needs to be significant proofreading for grammatical errors.

Answer: The manuscript was linguistically revised by native English at this review.

(3) Reviewer: Page 3, line 4: Proper operation day should not be indicated in the article.
Answer: The operation day has been removed from the manuscript.

(4) Reviewer: References should include more recent literature.

Answer: We could not find in our repeated research in the literature more recent reports of similar cases as ours.

(5) Reviewer: Figure 2: Put the alphabet (A, B, C, D) in each picture.

Answer: It has been done accordingly.

(6) Reviewer: In addition, the authors did not perform a needle biopsy - can they explain why, and also explain the role for needle biopsy in the diagnosis and differentiation between teratoma and other possible neck masses?

Answer: a fine needle aspiration (FNAC) was not considered in the present case since the patient herself came to our attention in search of removing the cervical subcutaneous mass. Ultrasound revealed multicystic lesion which constitutes a challenge for the diagnosis with FNAC. (*Metastatic immature teratoma: a diagnostic challenge on fine-needle aspiration cytology*. Monappa V, Valiathan M, Bhat SS, Ray S, Chidambaram C. Indian J Pathol Microbiol. 2011 Apr-Jun;54(2):402-4. doi: 10.4103/0377-4929.81632 PMID:21623106). Besides the patient wanted from the beginning to remove the growing

mass. We did not find any contraindication to proceed with surgical removal without previous FNAC. Hystological work-up towards final diagnosis confirmed the need of examining all the material removed in order to reveal the three layers as described in the manuscript.

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

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