

Dear editor:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewer's comments concerning our manuscript entitled "Ultrasound features of primary non-Hodgkin's lymphoma of the palatine tonsil: A case report" (ID:64177). The comments are valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper. We have studied the comments carefully and have made appropriate changes in the manuscript. The main corrections in the paper and the response to the reviewer's comments are as follows:

Responds to the reviewer's comments

Reviewer #1: Please add percentage values to the statements: "Lymphomas are the second most common malignancy of the head and neck. The vast majority of extranodal lymphomas are located in the palatine tonsil."

Response to comment: Thank you for your comment. We have searched the related literature and added the percentage values to the statements.

Reviewer #2: Please delete "and the ultrasound features have not been reported." from the sentence Core Tip

Response: The words "and the ultrasound features have not been reported." from the sentence Core Tip have been deleted.

Reviewer #3: Please delete "which was misdiagnosed as tonsillitis initially but was finally" from the sentence.

Response: The words "which was misdiagnosed as tonsillitis initially but was finally" have been deleted.

Reviewer #4: Please add percentage values to the statement: "Lymphomas of the head and neck arise from lymph nodes as well as extranodal sites, and the most frequent extranodal site is Waldeyer's ring, of which the palatine tonsil is the most commonly involved site [1]."

Response: We have searched the related literature and added the percentage values to the statements.

Reviewer #5: Please add "and/" before the "or" in the sentence: "Patients with

tonsillar lymphomas may present with unilateral tonsil enlargement, sore throat, dysphagia OR lump in the throat OR neck[2].”

Response: “and/” before the “or” in the sentence: “Patients with tonsillar lymphomas may present with unilateral tonsil enlargement, sore throat, dysphagia OR lump in the throat OR neck[2].” have been added.

Reviewer #6: Please delete: “A correct” from the sentence "A correct diagnosis is challenging because of the unremarkable clinical presentation."

Response: “A correct” from the sentence "A correct diagnosis is challenging because of the unremarkable clinical presentation." have been deleted.

Reviewer #7: Please delete: “CT, MRI and PET/CT features of the tonsillar lymphomas have been described, while the ultrasound features have not been reported to the best of our knowledge[3-5].”

Response: The sentence “CT, MRI and PET/CT features of the tonsillar lymphomas have been described, while the ultrasound features have not been reported to the best of our knowledge[3-5].” have been deleted.

Reviewer #8: Please add the no further follow up was available to be reported.

Response: “no further follow up was available to be reported.” have been added.

Editors note and suggestions:

1. The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor;

Answer: Original pictures have been provided in the attached files. Figures were prepared with PowerPoint as suggested.

We appreciate for Editors/Reviewer’s warm work earnestly, and hope the correction will meet with approval. Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

Yours sincerely

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