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Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors report a case of facial(laterofacial) Merkel cell carcinoma (in the context of diabetes and virus B hepatitis). The case is of interest. Revision might result in improvement. The title could be reformulated to more simple. Standard requirements should be fullfilled: page numbering (and/or continuous line numbering), uniform reference format (ex use of cap letters/article titles, similar). Indicators (arrows, similar) could be added on the microscopy photographs for indicating the lesion/structures of interest (pathological and normal). The authors could focus on Merkel cell carcinomas occurring in Asian individuals and of facial location. Examples of words/phrases to revise "We discuss the case" can be reformulated "We report the case" "it is a unique case occuring in /" can be reformulated, "it" is rarely used for scientific texts "This is a very rare report /" complex sentence, can be reformulated (1 idea/1 sentence) "on his right cheek" can be reformulated "on the right cheek of the patient" similar "large quantity of // tumor cells" can be reformulated "numerous // tumor cells" similar "yellow race" can be reformulated (use of more frequently used terms) "Asian origin", specify the zone (noth, south, east, west, central), similar "Due to the detection of



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malignancy, at the same time, the patient has regional lymph node metastases" can be reformulated, the patient had also lymphadenectomy? The number of metastatic lymph nodes (and the total number of resected lymph nodes could be noted), Paste tenses should be used for original/case data "white people" can be reformulated "individuals showing white skin" similar "2CM" can be re-formated "2 cm" "that our case" can be reformulated "that this case" similar "have some relations can be reformulated to more scientific "histologic exams" can be reformulated "microscopy examinations" similar "the patient in this paper" can be reformulated "the case presented in this article" similar "is remain" can be reformulated Legends of figures: the authors could note the names of all antibodies as entire words (chromogranin, synaptophysin for CgA, Syn).

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