



**PEER-REVIEW REPORT**

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SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION	PEER-REVIEWER STATEMENTS
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer’s expertise on the
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publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Dear authors, I read with interesting the case report “Multiple Synchronous Anorectal Melanoma with Different Colors: A Case Report and Review of Literature”. This is an interesting and a rare report. In general the case report is good, however I have several concerns: Title: - This is not really a review of literature. Modified the title to



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Multiple Synchronous Anorectal Melanoma with Different Colors: A Case Report  
Introduction: - "AM is defined as an extremely..." : AM is rare however it is not DEFINED as an extremely rare malignant. Rare is not a definition! Case presentation:  
- admitted to our institution: correct to "admitted in our institution" - She had previously received a colonoscopy: correct to "she previously underwent a colonoscopy"  
- Digital rectal exam should be performed before the colonoscopy and not after as describe in the case presentation. Please clarify. - You need to give more details about the lesion in the case presentation, such as size, characteristics... - Figure 2: In the pictures include just A and B as label and not 2A and 2B. - Figure 1 and 2: the label for figure 2 is in the place of the label of figure 1. Please correct. - Figure labels: both of the masses invaded: please correct to both masses... - Include final diagnosis section as a paragraph in the case presentation. Additionally, included the histopathologic image to improve the quality of your paper. - Include treatment section as a paragraph in the case presentation section. - Figure 3: In the pictures include just A and B as label and not 3A and 3B. - Figure 3: include arrows to show the two mucosal melanic zones. - "Abdominoperineal resection with negative resection margin was performed eventually.": Sentense needs English revision. - Table 1: include label m=months or write months besides of m. - Include outcome and follow-up section as a paragraph in the case presentation section. - Please ask a native English with experience in medical terms to correct this section: Postoperative recovery was uneventful, so the patient was discharged two weeks after surgery. Upon completion of Nivolumab treatment, the patient had 24 months of disease-free follow-up. However, due to economic burden, the patient stopped Nivolumab for a few months and was diagnosed lung metastasis 3 months ago. Discussion - Needs to improve. You have to correlate your case with the literature and not just discuss the disease. - The first sentence is the same as introduction. Please remove it. - "About 25% of AM appears to be amelanotic, which explains to the



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poor prognosis of this disease.<sup>4, 5</sup> Late and incorrect diagnoses are common due to atypical symptoms and low incidence.<sup>10</sup> Misdiagnosis occurs in more than half of the patients, mistaken for hemorrhoids, polyps or rectal cancer.<sup>11</sup> But interestingly, misdiagnosis has no significant negative effect on survival time as reported by Zhang.<sup>12</sup> : Please clarify this contradiction. - Ballo<sup>13</sup>; mean survival: 27m vs 10m, Das<sup>14</sup> : This is not a correct way to cite an author. Correct to Ballo et al. - Amelanotic melanoma type in AM was reported to have a worse prognosis than melanotic type in some studies.<sup>3, 6, 7</sup> The reason for this phenomenon remains uncertain, but some authors believe this is either because amelanotic melanoma is more difficult to diagnose, or it is possibly more invasive in nature.<sup>14</sup> : Again there is a contradiction between this sentence and the other sentence above. - line 112: Additionally - correct to Additionally - The discussion section is a section to discuss your case and not just the literature. Please try to correlate your case with the literature. Conclusion: - Your conclusion is too long. This should not a summary of your paper. Try to be more clear. Consent - "Written informed consent was obtained from the patient and her relatives.": is this traditional in your country? In most countries just a consent from the patient is enough. References - Most references are before 2013. Just two reference after 2014. Please include recent references. Additionally, this is a case report and 31 references is too much for this manuscript. Include maximum of 10 to 20 references.

## INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT

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I read the manuscript named “Multiple Synchronous Anorectal Melanoma with Different Color: A Case Report and Review of Literature ”. (Manuscript NO: 45706 ) and my recommendations are as follows. Title: It is accurately reflects the major topic and contents of the study. Abstract: Adequate, summarizing the topic. Case



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report: Case has been presented in detail. Topics has been discussed with all aspects. References: References are appropriate and updated. Figures and table are reflects the major findings of the study, and they are appropriately presented. There is typological error on the 54th line of manuscript (it is written CA-199 , it should be CA 19-9 ). It is crucial that the author point out to rarely case report. This manuscript was well-written and documented. This manuscript gives additional new knowledge to the literature. I think that this manuscript is suitable and worth to be published in the World Journal of Clinical Cases.

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