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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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
Re-review	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This case report describes a case of EBV-MCU misdiagnosed as small bowel adenocarcinoma. We believe this is a rare report and worthy of publication. Please address the following questions. 1) You seem to have anemia due to this disease. Have you searched for other causes? 2) In addition to anemia, please describe whether there were any problems with vital signs or other general physical findings. If there are negative findings, please list them as negative findings. 3) In your discussion, please describe what searches were performed and how many patients were present. 4) a case in the discussion was differentiated from TB. If you searched TB in this case, please describe it.

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Your manuscript displays a high level of innovation in revealing the misdiagnosis between Epstein-Barr virus-positive mucocutaneous ulcer and small bowel adenocarcinoma, two rare diseases with non-specific symptoms that make accurate and timely diagnoses challenging. Nonetheless, there exist various flaws that need to be addressed. 1. The introduction could be reworded to better focus on the importance of distinguishing between EBV-MCU and small bowel adenocarcinoma, while the discussion section could be more focused on the implications of the case report and the lessons learned. Meanwhile, it is necessary to add imaging features and clinical manifestations that need to be distinguished from others such as intestinal tuberculosis, etc. 2. In the discussion section. You could include references to other studies or case reports that discuss the diagnostic challenges of EBV-MCU, as well as emphasize the importance of accurate histopathological analysis. Additionally, you could mention that making a diagnosis preoperatively is difficult.