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Please provide a tumor stage (TNM) for each one of the tumors presented in the manuscript. How did the authors complete staging for the first and second malignancies in each case? Please provide details of the diagnostic procedures used for staging in your department. Regional (cervical) lymph nodes in patients with HNSCC should be examined by means of neck ultrasound or CT of the neck. Palpation may miss small metastatic lymph nodes. The authors should provide information on whether these tests (ultrasound / CT) were performed in these 2 patients during diagnostic work-up of the first and second cancers. The authors should comment on the role of endoscopic assessment of the upper digestive and respiratory tracts under anesthesia, especially in the case of the patient with nasopharyngeal carcinoma. In the reference list some recent interesting studies involving specifically second primary tumors after head and neck cancer should be included (e.g. Zidar et al. 2010 J Laryngol Otol, Megwalu & Shin 2011 Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg among others). Additionally, the discussion (and the respective references) should be solely concentrated on the specific information involving second primary cancers arising after cutaneous SCC and mucoepidermoid salivary carcinoma of the head and neck region as first cancers.



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I read the manuscript named "Synchronous carcinoma of head and neck: 2 cases report "(ESPS Manuscript NO: 14228) and my recommendations are as fallows. Abstract: Well, summarizing the topic. Introduction: Adequate. Discussion: Adequate. References: References are appropriate and updated. Figures: Figures are reflects the major findings of the study, and they are appropriately presented. This study is clearly presented but ,there are typological errors in the manuscrip. Primitive should be corrected as primary. After minor revision, I think that this manuscript is suitable and worth to be published in the World Journal of Otorhinolaryngology.