

Dear editors and reviewers:

We are grateful for your careful critique and valuable suggestions, which have greatly strengthened our manuscript. We appreciate your work and kind consideration.

We listed our point-by-point answers to your comments on the following pages.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

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Reviewers' comments and our responses:

Reviewer 1

1. I suggest adding the key point (the growth pattern of tumor in this case) in the title to reflect the main hypothesis of the manuscript.

The author's response:

Thank you for your valuable suggestion. We have changed the original title to primary malignant melanoma arising from the cervical nerve root with interesting growth pattern: a case report, according to your suggestion.

2. Adding review of the literature would make the title reflect the main subject.

The author's response:

We've updated our literature search and made a table to reflect the main subject.

3. I suggest reorganizing the order of the manuscript based on the criteria of the journal by putting the keywords after the abstract and the illustrations and tables before the references.

The author's response:

Thank you for your suggestion. We've now reorganized the order of the manuscript based on the criteria of the journal by putting the keywords after the abstract and the illustrations and tables before the references.

4. The manuscript aims to a review of the literature and its existence to be taken into account in the differential diagnosis of these forms, I suggest to the authors to carry out a revision of the text highlighting better the clinical message of the manuscript.

The author's response:

Thank you for your valuable suggestion, which could strengthen our review. We updated our literature search and identified several studies. We've added the relevant content into our manuscript in the second paragraph of discussion section.

5. Trying to strengthen the explanation of the growth pattern of the tumor as a category of the differential diagnosis as well as putting it in comparison with other similar cases in detail and making the teaching point more practical.

The author's response:

We've realized that the differential diagnosis was not clear enough or even be confusing. In the revised version, we directly putting it in comparison with other similar neoplasm in detail in the second paragraph of discussion section and add a table to make the teaching point more practical.

Reviewer 2

1. What is the prognosis of the patient?

The author's response:

Thank you for your valuable suggestion, which is really important. At the last telephone follow-up in October 2021, the patient reported having no issues. We believe that her condition is stable with routine follow-up MRIs.

Editorial office's comments and our responses:

Science editor

- 1) The abstract should be reviewed.

The author's response:

Thank you for your valuable suggestion. We have reviewed and restructured the abstract.

- 2) There are only five references for this manuscript. More information on the patient outcome should be included in the report.

The author's response:

Thank you for your valuable suggestion. We have added enough references in line with the requirement.

Company editor-in-chief

1. Before final acceptance, the author(s) must provide the English Language Certificate issued by a professional English language editing company.

The author's response:

Thank you for your valuable suggestion.

2. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

The author's response:

Thank you for your valuable suggestion, we have prepared an editable PowerPoint that include all the figures relevant to the manuscript.