# Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: reviewed manuscript-46821.doc).

**Title:** Primary gastric choriocarcinoma: a rare and aggressive tumor with multilineage differentiation. A case report and literature review.

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**Name of Journal:** *World Journal of Clinical Cases*

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## Reviewer`s 1 opinion

This is a case report of a patient with primary gastric choriocarcinoma with multilineage differentiation that has been rarely reported. A well-written report.

1)   Macroscopic images of resected specimens should be shown.

2)   Arrows would be helpful for readers in Figure 1, as seen in Figure 2.

3)   In the first paragraph of CASE REPORT, there is a sentence including 'no other tumors of the breast, ovaries…', despite male gender.

4)   The levels of hCG in the blood and uterine, and serum AFP of this patient should be shown.

5)   Table 1 is unnecessary.

## Authors' answers

1.   In the present case, palliative gastrectomy was done. The images of the surgical specimen have not enough quality for publication.

2.   Arrows were inserted in Figure 1.

3. Thank you for this observation. We have removed ovaries.

4. As no suspicion of such tumor was preoperatively done and patient status was deteriorated, with death in 4 weeks after surgery, the serum markers were not checked. We have inserted theis phrase in "Case presentation"

5. Table 1 was removed.

### Reviewer's 2 opinion

Well written manuscript. I have some suggestions.

1- how is the follow up of patient?

2- "choriocarcinoma can be seen in another parts of body"(https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijsu.2018.04.037) and (doi: 10.5152/ejbh.2018.4132) I suggest both of these uptodate studies for the references.

### Authors' answers

1. The patient died one month after surgery, in hospital.

2. Updating references was done. The bove mentioned DOI were about thyroid and breast cancer, without relation to the present study.

### Editor opinion

1. Please provide the decomposable figure of Figures, whose parts are movable and editable. So you can put the original pictures in PPT and submit it in the system.

2. Please provide specific point-to-point replies to each reviewer's comments.

3. This is a case report our policy for the Case Report manuscript requires the title to include the disease name, the number of cases, and the phrase "literature review". In addition, the description of the paper as a literature review must be supported by the manuscript's content. Please update the reference list and add references with accompanying textual content that will strengthen the manuscript as a literature review of the appropriate and up-to-date case-related information. Please note that if authors only add the words "literature review" to the title, but do not revise the textual content of the manuscript to provide a literature review, the manuscript will be rejected.

4. You need to provide the grant application form(s) or certificate of funding agency for every grant, or we will delete the part of "Supported by...".

5. Abstract and case presentation – the structure should be modified

6. Conclusion should be provided

7. References should be cited based on the journal guideline.

   **Authors' answers**

1. Figures were attached in ppt variant

2. Answers for reviewers were provided point by point.

3. The title was modified, according to your suggestions. A literature review was included in Introduction and Discussion.

4. Grant certificate was uploaded.

5. The structure of the paper was modified according to your suggestions.

6. Conclusion was added in the main text.

7. We have modified citations.


Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Clinical Cases*

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