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Title: Early invasive vulvar squamous cell carcinoma arising in a women with vulvar pemphigus vulgaris and systemic lupus erythematosus

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Dear Editor,

we would like to submit our paper entitled "Early invasive vulvar squamous cell carcinoma arising in a women with vulvar pemphigus vulgaris and systemic lupus erythematosus" for publication in BMC Cancer.

We report the first case of a young woman affected by systemic lupus erythematosus that showed concomitant vulvar pemphigus vulgaris and a vulvar intraepithelial neoplasia. The vulvar intraepithelial neoplasia presented a rapid progression to early invasive vulvar squamous cell carcinoma.

We underline pemphigus vulgaris as a disease of the lower genital tract predisposing to vulvar squamous cell carcinoma. we suggest the necessity of a careful follow-up of the patients with chronic inflammatory disease especially when concomitant autoimmune disorders are present. Moreover a biopsy should be always performed in case of PV lesion because of the possibility of neoplastic disease.

Our manuscript includes the macroscopic and microscopy findings that show the rapid progression of the lesion from the vulvar intraepithelial neoplasia to invasive vulvar squamous cell carcinoma.

We are convinced that our manuscript could be of great interest for the readers of your journal.

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