Author's response to reviews

Title: Serous borderline tumor of the fallopian tube presented as hematosalpinx. A case report and review of the literature

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Please find enclosed the revised manuscript entitled "Serous borderline tumor of the fallopian tube presented as hematosalpinx: a case report" according to the comments of the reviewers.

To the referee 2 (Debra Heller).

Two other papers that discuss the value of DNA ploidy as the prognostic factor in borderline ovarian tumors (Demirel et al, and Gilks et al) are included in the discussion.

The materials and methods with the descriptions of methodology are taken out. The sections of the manuscript are structured according to standard of the journal.

Two new microphotographs are included, instead the old one. We think they are better.

The size of the adnexal mass on ultrasound is included too.

To the referee 1 (Philippe Morice)

The surgical procedure is precisely described as has been performed in the following order:
exploration of the abdomino-pelvic cavity with the description of its aspect, peritoneal cytology, fine needle
aspiration of the tube and finally salpingectomy without bag.

Biopsies of the peritoneum were not taken. In our institution it is not standard procedure in the case of hematosalpinx.

Only one case had complete staging/restaging (Zheng et al). The importance of staging is included in the discussion (Seidman and Kurman).

The treatment is precised. All the cases were treated exclusively by surgery.

Follow up is described, by means of CA 125 and ultrasound.

The methodology is replaced.

We do not know if the patient desired another pregnancy.

Sincerely,

Maja Krasevic