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Title: Synchronous adenocarcinoma and carcinoid tumor of the terminal ileum in a Crohn's disease patient

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Attached the revised version of the manuscript entitled:
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The manuscript has been revised according to all the suggestions of Dr Ioannis Koutroubakis that we found appropriate. A point-by-point reply follows. In the text, changes are yellow highlighted.

1 - The term ileoscopy has been changed with ileocolonoscopy. In the test the term "histology" after ileocolonoscopy, and information about the upper GI series have been added.

2 - The patient was in remission and asymptomatic only if treated with steroids.

3 - The sentence "barium enema of the small bowel" was a mistake, as the reviewer argued, made by the mother-tongue translator, who wasn't an MD; therefore, the above sentence was changed with "small bowel double-contrast enteroclysis (SBE)". The figure 1, which shows SBE, has been added.

4 - Figure 2 (in the revised version figure 3) underlines the neuroendocrine component, instead the sarcoid-type granulomas still present in the histology, since the pathologist believed that was more helpful in making the diagnosis.

Sincerely

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