Reviewer’s report

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

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General
The manuscript still suffers from several weaknesses and the added information concerning diagnosis and follow up of Crohn’s disease is rather incomplete.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

It has been added that the patient was diagnosed as CD of terminal ileum by “ileoscopy” (do they mean ileocolonoscopy?) and upper GI series without information about the findings. What about histology?

The statement also that the patient was treated with steroids and anti-inflammatory drugs and she was “clinically silent” is rather strange. Why did the patient need steroids since she was “clinically silent”?

The added information concerning radiological findings is also incomplete. What examination is “barium enema of the small bowel”? The established radiological examinations of small bowel are enteroclysis and follow through.

The reported sarcoid-type granulomas should be presented in the photograph of histology. Moreover, photographs of the radiological examinations could be useful.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Reject because scientifically unsound

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests