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TO THE EDITORS OF BMC CANCER

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Dear Sirs,

Sorry we have answered late, presently you will find the new version of
the manuscript titled “Carcinosarcoma arising in a dermoid cyst of ovary: a
case report. Report of a unique case with immunohistochemical evidence of
monoclonal origin”, that I am resubmitting, following the instructions you
gave me in your previous email.

Here, you can find the answer to the referee comments:

Referee:
W Glenn G Mccluggage

Reviewer's report:

General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on
publication can be reached).
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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
1) The abstract does not mention the word ovary and gives no details regarding the sarcomatous element of the neoplasm.
2) The figure 1b does not resemble endometrial stromal sarcoma. I think reference to the sarcomatous component of the tumour resembling endometrial stromal sarcoma should be removed from the text as ESS is a low grade bland neoplasm which does not resemble the tumour described.
3) It is stated in the BACKGROUND section that refs 5 an6 are from the same author. This is not the case.
4) The first time MMMT is mentionned in the text this should be spelt out in full.
5) There are several references discussing the monoclonal origin of carcinosarcoma and these should be referenced eg WG McCluggage, J Clin Pathol 2002,55,321-5.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
ANSWERS:

1) According your revision we have mentioned the word “ovary” and we give details about the sarcomatous components of neoplasm.
2) According your suggestion, we have described fig.1b as “sarcomatous component” of the tumor and not as “endometrial stromal sarcoma”.
3) We have removed the refs 5 and 6 from the Background section.
4) We have mentionned in detail at first time MMMT as “malignant mesodermal Mullerian tumor”.
5) Thank’s for your suggestion, we have studied and we had in great consideration the theories expressed in your report.

Finally we revised English language according to instructions that we find on the www.abdn.ac.uk/mps site.

Yours sincerely,
Anna Martorana