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Dear Editor,

Please, find attached the manuscript entitled “Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma of the colon with synchronous liver metastasis: a rare case report mimicking metastatic colorectal adenocarcinoma.” which we are submitting to BMC Surgery to be considered for publication in the section of Case Report.

We report a rare case of Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma of the cecum with synchronous liver metastasis in a 70-year-old men. This report addresses some of the current questions about the diagnostic management of colonic neoplasm when the biopsies obtained during the colonoscopy were not diagnostic.

Colonic lymphoma was suggested in other studies after endoscopic and radiologic features. In our case, it was uncertain the preoperative diagnosis due to blood count and imaging findings non-specific of lymphoproliferative disease and to colonic biopsies not diagnostic. The present case can be useful for clinicians to reflect about potential diagnostic pitfalls in patients with this type of lesion. The therapeutic option of a rapid surgical approach is emphasized in our report because the rapid deterioration of the overall health status of patient due to occlusive syndrome and hemorrhagic risk.

We believe the topic discussed in the manuscript, as well as the results, are consistent with the mission of the journal and the interest of its readers who are familiar with the management of rare gastrointestinal neoplasm.
The manuscript is not being reviewed or considered for publication by any other journal, and has not been published elsewhere. The manuscript has been read and approved by all the authors, who declare no conflict of interest.

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Regards,

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