Reviewer’s report

Title: A case of squamous cell carcinoma arising from the suprapubic cystostomy tract

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Reviewer: Leonardo D'Urso

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Dear Sir,

The manuscript under evaluation is a single patient’ case report of squamous cell carcinoma arising from skin around a dwelling suprapubic tube. Patient several years before developed a neurogenic bladder and complained a difficult intermittent catheterization. As result a dwelling suprabubic cystostomy was carried out and patient underwent regimen of periodic suprapubic tube substitution for many years. During the follow-up a 7-cm suprapubic mass growing around suprapubic tube was observed and a staging CT scan showed a paraaortic lymph nodes involvement. Chemotherapy was not considered because of poor Performance Status, while radiotherapy was carried out uneventfully at 6 months follow-up.

Authors obtained patient’s informed consent approval. Rationale of the present study is given by rarity of its occurrence.

From a general point of view, standard case-reports are out of date and scientifically speaking should have a low priority for publication. Additionally, manuscript under evaluation is burden by a very poor text development either in the english form and scientific contents.

After a timely reading of the manuscript the following comments can be done:

1. The English form is very poor and need a revision by a mother-tongue speaker’s author.
2. The title fully reflects the content of the article.
3. In the abstract are essential case report data.
4. In the section background, authors describe scientific rationale of the study.
5. In the section Case report, more clinical history’ details are provided.
6. In the section discussion the authors highlight the rarity of the reported condition.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a
statistician.

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