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To the Editor-in-Chief of the
BMC Dermatology Journal Dr. Hayley Henderson

Thank you for consideration of our manuscript for publication in your journal. We have reviewed the above manuscript according to your reviewer's comments.

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Reviewer's report

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In particular, the Authors Contributions should appear after the Competing Interests section.

The sections order has been corrected as indicated in designated sequence: Competing interests, Authors contributions, Acknowledgments.

3. Authors Contributions

Please also provide a heading for this section.

The failing heading “authors contribution” has been added.
4. Acknowledgements

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This section should appear after the Authors' Contributions.

Acknowledgment was given to Denis Mariano.

Reviewer's report

Reviewer 1: Grazyna Kaminska-Winciorek

The manuscript seems to be correctly written. It is suitable for publication in presented form as a case report or letter.

Done

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
Declaration of competing interests: I declare that I have no competing interest

Reviewer's report

Reviewer 2: Zoe Apalla

This is a well written paper. However, there are some points that should be stated.
Major Compulsory Revisions

Dermoscopic features of piloleiomyomas have been previously described in the literature. However, since they are not considered pathognomonic, it is somehow abusive to support "usefulness of dermoscopy in detecting skin leiomyomas". In my view, recognition of the described dermoscopic features in the current patient raised the possibility of piloleiomyomas, which was finally established with histology (gold standard). Please change the title and the text accordingly.

My suggestion is to underline the significant role of the dermatologists in the final diagnosis of a rare syndrome in a patient with multi organ involvement and of course to comment on the role of dermoscopy as an adjuvant tool that gives some extra information before histology.

As suggested by the second reviewer we corrected the title in “adjuvant tool of dermoscopy for detecting skin leiomyomas in patient with uterine fibroids and cerebral cavernomas”. And we underlined the significant role of the dermatologist for the diagnosis of this rare syndrome via dermoscopy, in text on page 8 at the end of the last paragraph (“The role of the dermatologist is crucial in the final diagnosis of this rare syndrome in a patient with multi organ involvement. Therefore, dermoscopy can be considered as an adjuvant tool that gives some extra information before histology”).

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests: I declare that I have no competing interests

Reviewer's report

Reviewer 3: Takamichi Ito

The paper by Diluvio et al. entitled “Usefulness of dermoscopy for detecting skin leiomyomas in patient with uterine fibroids and cerebral cavernomas” is an interesting report on dermoscopy of piloleiomyoma. In general, the paper contains some novel findings and will be of interest for readers of this Journal.

I would like to raise the following points.

Major comments

1. This paper provides a detailed case presentation and comprehensive discussion, but rather long. I would suggest rewriting or revising, if possible, the Case presentation section and Discussion section, more focusing on the usefulness of dermoscopy itself.
Minor comments

2. I would suggest providing a figure of “a white cloud-like area without scar features” alluded in the text, instead of the previous Figure 4 showing a typical dermatofibroma. The dermoscopic features of leiomyoma have rarely been reported, and the features would be interesting for readers.

Considering the third Reviewer, we shortened the case presentation section (a complete sentence on page 5 was cut off “Considering the number of the tumours and the extension of the affected area, capsaicin <1% cream was firstly proposed to reduce the symptoms, twice a day, but without benefit after 3 months.”) and in the conclusion section we focused on the dermoscopic characteristics of piloleiomyomas vs dermatofibromas on page 6 as follows: “The larger lesions could present vascular structures, although they are not representative for most piloleiomyomas (Fig. 3). In some piloleiomyomas we documented masses of “white like-cloud” areas without translucent streaks, typical of the dermoscopic central scar-like patch in dermatofibroma (Fig.5). And, as recently described by Paschoal, we did not see hyperpigmented circular and/or elongated structures within the central hypopigmented area [9].”

Furthermore, regarding the dermoscopy features of piloleiomyomas, we added one picture (Figure 5), which is also mentioned in case presentation on page 5, to better show the masses of white “cloud-like” area without scar features typical of dermatofibroma. The legend of figure 5 is listed at the end of Figure Legend.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
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Thanks you for your interest in our research,
Best regards, we are looking forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.
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