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Title: Infiltrating Ductal Carcinoma Breast with Central Necrosis Closely Mimicking Ductal Carcinoma in Situ (Comedo Type): A Potential Serious Diagnostic Error

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Editor JMRC,

Subject: Submission of revised manuscript entitled ‗INFILTRATING DUCTAL CARCINOMA BREAST WITH CENTRAL NECROSIS CLOSELY MIMICKING DUCTAL CARCINOMA IN SITU (COMEDO TYPE): A POTENTIAL SERIOUS DIAGNOSTIC ERROR‘ MS: 1440309931141225.

Dear Sir/madam,

Thanks very much for your letter dated 12th July 2007 and reviewer’s reports containing some excellent suggestions. Manuscript is now thoroughly revised in the light of these comments. Following changes are now incorporated: First as suggested by Martin Wilhelm:

1) Size of the lesions and extent of sampling including any conventional infiltrating carcinoma component is now included in actual case reports of four cases.
2) Mimicry of infiltrating carcinoma with diverse patterns of DCIS in now also included and emphasized in introduction.
3) Discussion is now revised with addition of morphologic features on H&E like concentric stromal reaction which we found useful in retrospect.
4) General review like information on breast cancer is now omitted.
5) Other non-breast cancers with DCIS-like pattern are now included in the discussion with reference.
6) References not directly related to the topic are deleted. Now this manuscript contains seven references instead of nine.
7) Figures are now amended as per suggestion including low power views as well as staining with myoepithelial cocktail.
8) Figure showing staining with Actin is now omitted.
9) Manuscript is critically revised to improve English to the best of our capability in the absence of a native speaker.

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1) More images are now included with attempt to improve the quality.
2) Term suggested by us ‘Invasive Comedo Carcinoma’ is now removed as suggested.

I hope that this will be now acceptable for the worthy reviewers and editorial board.

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