Reviewer’s report

Title: Postmenopausal vaginal bleeding caused by carcinoma of the appendix: a case report.

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Reviewer: Nikolaos Salemis

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The authors describe the case of a 75-year-old female, with a history of hysterectomy, who presented with postmenopausal blood loss and was finally diagnosed with an advanced appendiceal adenocarcinoma.

It is of course a rare and very interesting case. However, I think that there are some points that need to be addressed in this paper.

REVISIONS NECESSARY FOR PUBLICATION

A. Case presentation:

1. A computed tomography image demonstrating the mass in the right lower abdomen would be useful, since this process was misinterpreted as an ovarian carcinoma.
2. What do the authors mean by “ileocecal resection”? I assume that a right hemicolecctiony was performed. This should be changed in the text.

3. I think that figure 2 is not necessary.

4. Was a simultaneous oophorectomy performed?

5. Was adjuvant chemotherapy considered postoperatively since this was a case of advanced node positive colon adenocarcinoma?

6. When intraperitoneal dissemination of the appendiceal cancer was diagnosed fourteen months later, was cytoreductive surgery and hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy considered as an approach?

B. Discussion

1. I think that a referenced paragraph about the current role of cytoreductive surgery and subsequent hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy in disseminated appendiceal adenocarcinomas, should be incorporated in this section.

C. GENERAL

There are several misspellings and grammar errors throughout the manuscript.

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page 3, line 11#carcinoembryonal#
line 16 #coecum#
line 18 #stageing#

page 4 line 4 #capicitabine#
line 10 #research#

The manuscript needs some language corrections.

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.