Author’s response to reviews

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Author’s response to reviews: see over
Dear Dr. Kidd,

We are submitting the article “Choriocarcinoma in a 73 year old woman: A case report and literature review” for consideration of publication in your journal. Below please find the answers of reviewer’s comments.

This manuscript has not been published, submitted or not being submitted elsewhere. If you have any further questions, or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Sincerely yours,

Nisarg Desai MD

Answers to reviewer’s comments (in bold letters)

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Comments and answers:
1- Background: Remove gestational from definition of choriocarcinoma

Done.

2- B HCG came down change to declined below

Done.

3- Change: Also,…to Finally ,…. and describe the treatment

Done.
4- Reword the last 2 sentences in the abstract conclusion describing treatment.

Done.

5- Remove: ….in these biopsies Page 5, 2nd paragraph, lines, 5,6

Done.

6- It is important to describe the biopsies: How many, from which locations, how many sections were analyzes, gross description

We appreciate reviewer’s concern. We have now added the descriptions of the biopsies. See Page: 5. Highlighted lines.

7- Page 6: Replace came back to, to: declined below

Done.

8- It is important to highlight the obstetric history for any abnormal post partum course, any assisted or C sections.
9- Also it is important to mention any episodes of post menopausal haemorrhage and any abnormal bleeding patterns.


10- Discussion, 2nd paragraph, lines 4,5: This type of choriocarcinoma can be diagnosed based on the co-existing component of a non-germ cell malignancy.. Reword for clarity.

Done. Sentence changed to: This type of choriocarcinoma can be diagnosed based on histology (i.e. co-existing malignant cells other than choriocarcinoma).

12- Discussion, 2nd paragraph, line 11: discussed about cervical choriocarcinoma, change to described.

Done.

13- Page 7, last line: change our patient to our case

Done.

14- Describe in a line the role of AE1 and AE3 antibodies.
Done. Page 8, paragraph 2.

15- Page 9, lines 4,5 : change: suggested effective first line therapy for #-hCG producing gestational as well as non-gestational choriocarcinoma is EMA/CO regimen. To : suggested an effective first line…. to be…

Done.

16- Should detail the treatment given in the abstract: EMA/CO

Done.

17- It would be useful to further comment on the hepatic metastasis in the Discussion

Now, we have discussed more about hepatic metastasis in case section. Page 6, line 1, 2. In the discussion section, we have now mentioned details about staging our case as well as response to chemotherapy.

18- Review grammar and punctuation: Minor errors.

Grammar is revised.

19. More details on sampling and biopsy.

Done. See page 5, line 11-14.

19. Elaborate more on the metastasis in the discussion section.

We have mentioned about metastasis in case section. We have also mentioned about staging in page 9, paragraph 2.

We have now included more references 23 instead of 15. Therefore, we would like to change our manuscript title to “Choriocarcinoma in a 73 year old woman: A case report and literature review”.