Reviewer's report

Title: Concurrent breast stroma sarcoma and breast carcinoma: A Case report

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Reviewer: Hilda Wong

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?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

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 reported a rare case of synchronous right breast lobular carcinoma and left breast sarcoma.

1) The case report contains a number of spelling and grammatical flaws.
2) Please provide surgical details of the 'left breast surgery' done in October 1999. Was breast conservation surgery or mastectomy done?
3) The pathological diagnosis of the rare entity of primary breast sarcoma requires careful histological examination to exclude epithelial element and the use of immunohistochemistry. In addition of epithelial markers and vimentin, markers like p63, CD34 and S100 are helpful in making the diagnosis and clarifying the differentiation. Please elaborate the pathological findings in your case.
4) Figure legend: figures 1.1-1.6 were labelled 'histological blades of September 9th 1999'. Presumably figures 1.4-1.6 should be specimens from 'left breast surgery on October 4th 1999' instead.

5) There have been a number of publications on concurrent breast cancer, which should be cited in the discussion.

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.