Author's response to reviews

Title: An Immunocompetent Individual Presenting with Plasmablastic Lymphoma In the Ano-Rectal Junction: A Case Report

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1. The dates were removed from the case presentation
2. A figure and legend section was created after the references
3. The following references were added:

4. Additionally, both reviewers commented:

   “A better definition of the immunohistochemical picture is needed, In particular the sample should be tested for EMA, MUM1 and CD38.”

   “A more detailed immunophenotypical characterization of the case is suggested. In particular, no findings about the expression of pertinent and relevant markers such as MUM1/IRF4, PAX5, CD30, CD56, BCL2, KI67, EMA and HHV8/ KSV (LANA) are reported by the Authors. A more detailed immunophenotypical profile of the neoplastic cells (also including the "negative" markers) in our opinion would improve the quality of the manuscript.”

   “The Authors state that the neoplastic cells were "negative for immunoglobulins light chains". Since most cases of plasmablastic lymphoma are known to be featured by the presence of cytoplasmic immunoglobulins (often with evidence of light chain restriction), do the Authors mean that they could not detect any (restricted) kappa or lambda light chain? If so, did the Authors investigate the expression (also) of immunoglobulin heavy chains (IgG,...). In our opinion, these points should be briefly clarified a/o completed by the Authors.”

   -These points were clarified on page 4 of the manuscript under the “case presentation” heading. Please see underlined text as per JMCR guidelines.