Reviewer's report

Title: An unusual case of congenital melanocytic nevus presenting as neurocutaneous melanoma coexisting with Tuberous Sclerosis complex: a rare case report

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Reviewer: Devendra Mishra

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

Has the case been reported coherently?: No

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 article describes a rare association, which merits publication. However, the manuscript has a few shortcomings that need to be addressed:

1. The grammar and language usage leaves much to be desired. Kindly rewrite the manuscript, especially the case-description under the guidance of a good English user/Senior colleague.
2. Some major flaws in description or writing have been highlighted and suggestions provided in the margins.
3. 'Neurocutaneous melanoma coexisting with Tuberous Sclerosis complex' could be a more apt title.
4. Age of the patient at the time of writing the manuscript is not clear. Was the first presentation at 11 years and she was followed for 8 years OR did she present at 11 years and was operated upon. If the latter, how is it that age of menarche (15 yrs) is mentioned? If the former, kindly make necessary changes in the abstract, introduction and case-report.

5. You need to reduce the length case–description slightly and make the discussion more focused.

6. Kindly reduce the size of the abstract.

7. Were no plastic surgeons or neurosurgeons involved in the management?

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests' below. If your reply is yes to any, please give details below.