Author’s response to reviews

Title: Squamous cell carcinoma (Marjolin’s ulcer) in an oro-cutaneous fistula of a large mandibular ameloblastoma: a case report.

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Author’s response to reviews: see over
Prof Michael Kidd,

Editor-in-Chief,

Journal of Medical Case Reports.

Dear Sir,

I hereby resubmit this manuscript, ‘Marjolin’s ulcer in oro-cutaneous fistula of a giant mandibular ameloblastoma: a case report.’ (MS: 1595699943539710) for consideration and possible publication in the Journal of Medical Case Reports. I have made appropriate changes

**Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Marjolin’s ulcer in oro-cutaneous fistula of a giant mandibular ameloblastoma: a case report.

1. Title: you should include “squamous cell carcinoma” in the title.

Title changed to read, ‘Squamous cell carcinoma (Marjolin’s ulcer) in an oro-cutaneous fistula of a large mandibular ameloblastoma: a case report.’

2. Abstract: you cannot compare "jaw lesions" with "oral cancer". If you wish, you can find the exact incidence of ameloblastoma and SCC and compare between them.

Statements changed to reflect this; comparison removed.

Ameloblastomas are rare lesions, constituting 1% of all jaw tumors. Oral squamous cell carcinomas are common lesions; these constitute about 90% of all oral cancers.

3. In a scientific article, "large" is more appropriate than "giant".

‘giant mandibular tumor’ changed to ‘large mandibular tumor’

4. There is no place for sentence “The author believes this to be the first report of a Marjolin’s ulcer in an ameloblastoma, in English literature” in the Abstract. You may write this inside the article in the end of Discussion.

Statement moved from the Abstract to the end of the Discussion.

5. Introduction: please spell out "CT" in the first appearance.

Computerized axial tomography scan spelled out.
6. Case report: please report the patient’s medical history, relevant habits, carcinoma risk factors etc.

Statement, ‘Besides a history of having chewed of khat for most of his adult life, the patient had not other identified risk factors for oral malignancy.’ added to case history.

7. Discussion: please describe references 6-9: age of patients, location of lesions, treatment modalities, post-op follow ups etc. and compare to the presented case.

Table 1 added to include this suggestion. Additional

8. Figures: pre-op and post-op radiographs will be of great benefit for the understanding of the lesions extent.

Figure 2 added, a pre-operative radiograph. Unfortunately no post-operative radiographs were taken, as cost is a significant strain, so that where a test may not affect care, it is not ordered.

9. Figure legends should be more descriptive.

Figure legends were expanded so as to be more descriptive.

IN ADDITION,

Grammatical changes in some sentences/words made to make them more appropriate: these have all been tracked.

Thank you for considering this paper for publication.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2011!

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