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Object: MS: Journal of Medical Case Reports manuscript: 1100014506558115

Primary monophasic ileal synovial sarcoma
Dear distinguished Deputy Editor:

I thank you very much for this important comment which was seriously a total surprise to me since I reviewed the paper repeatedly without picking it up.

I can’t apology enough for this mistake from my part, and I reviewed it again with Dr. Musa Fagih who is handling the technical pathological findings and he confirmed this unintentional mistake and you will see below that I added the comment and the changes that we made in the article to correct them.

And I will send you also the letter I received from Dr. Fagih in this regards.

"The comment by reviewer Roland Leung, made confidentially:

“There is a discrepancy between the text and the figures. The text stated the tumor is CD117 -ve and CD99 positive but the figure shown is clearly CD117 + and CD99 -ve. Please ask the authors to recheck the submission. This makes a world of difference to the credibility of this report.” Has not been responded to or corrected. It needs to be addressed.”

The paragraph was re-written to become:

"Immunohistochemical findings
The tumor was positive for S100, EMA, BCL2, Vimentin [fig. 3A, B, C, D]. CD 99 tested negative [fig.3, F] and CD117 tested positive [fig.3 E]. In addition to calretinin (focal), and synaptophysin (focal), CD56 (few cells). And it was negative for CD34, CAM5.2, cytokeratin 7, 20, 5/6 [fig. 3H], AE1/AE3, NSE, CD31, desmin [fig. 3G], Chromogranin, SMA, HMB45, Factor 8, Ber/EB4, and Melan-A."

Dr. Musa's response

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Dear Yousef

I do believe we label CD117 as CD99 and the CD99 as CD117. I am sure of that and the mislabeling could be due to typographical errors.
Thank you

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thanks again for your kind efforts and accept our best wishes!

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