Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

We wish to resubmit our paper entitled “Locally advanced carcinoma of the cecum presenting as right inguinal hernia: case report and review of literature” to be further considered for publication in Journal of Medical Case Reports.

Neither the entire paper nor any part of its content have been published or have been accepted by any other journal.

We herein provided a point-by-point description of corrections made to the original manuscript as requested by reviewers. Each paragraph has been addressed to each reviewer.

A response to the Editor’s comment and to the Editorial team has been also provided.

You will find enclosed the manuscript and four figures. Please send correspondence about the paper to me at the address or phone/fax numbers given below.

Thank you for your attention to our paper.
Sincerely yours

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Editor’s comment
Histopathological description of the specimen together with microscopy image have been provided (see Case presentation and Figure 4).

Reviewer 1 (dr. Kotidis)
We welcome the reviewer’s comment about the neoadjuvant treatment, but in this case a stenosis was present (as shown by the colonoscopy) and the risk of obstruction was too high. We added the revision in the Discussion: “As to neoadjuvant treatment, we decided to address the patient directly to surgery due to the risk of obstruction and tumor progression during preoperative radio-chemotherapy, but it might otherwise be considered especially when positive margins could be expected after resection”.

Reviewer 2 (dr. Pilakos)
No revision requested

To the Editorial Team:
We added the ethnicity of the patient (Caucasian) in the Abstract and in the Case presentation, as requested.