Author's response to reviews

Title: Lateral pharyngeal wall myeloid sarcoma as a relapse of acute biphenotypic leukemia: a case report and review of the literature

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Dear Dr. Kidd,

Re: Manuscript reference No. 1545253689102855

Please find attached a revised version of our manuscript “Lateral pharyngeal wall myeloid sarcoma as a relapse of acute biphenotypic leukemia: a case report and review of the literature” (renamed from “Lateral Pharyngeal Wall Myeloid Sarcoma: a case report and review of literature”), which we would like to resubmit for publication as a case report in the *Journal of Medical Case Reports*.

Your comments and those of the referees were highly insightful and enabled us to greatly improve the quality of our manuscript. In the following pages are our point-by-point responses to each of the comments of the referees as well as your own comments.

Revisions in the text are shown using the Track Changes feature of Microsoft Word. In accordance with referee Sheldon Chong’s suggestion, we re-uploaded Figure 3a-3e as four separate figures for better resolution. We also edited the written English and reformatted the abstract section. We hope that the revisions in the manuscript and our accompanying responses will be sufficient to make our manuscript suitable for publication in the *Journal of Medical Case Reports*.

We shall look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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Responses to the comments:

1. After reading through your manuscript, we feel that the quality of written English needs to be improved before the manuscript can be considered further.

Response: The written English had been edited by a native English-speaking editor.

2. Please reformat the Abstract section. This should start on page 2 of the manuscript. The abstract must not exceed 350 words. Please do not use abbreviations or references in the abstract. The abstract should be structured into three sections and should make clear how the case report adds to the medical literature:

- Introduction An introduction about why this case is important and needs to be reported. Please include information on whether this is the first report of this kind in the literature.
- Case presentation Brief details of what the patient(s) presented with, including the patient’s age, sex and ethnic background.
- Conclusion A brief conclusion of what the reader should learn from the case report and what the clinical impact will be. Is it an original case report of interest to a particular clinical speciality of medicine or will it have a broader clinical impact across medicine? Please include information on how it will significantly advance our knowledge of a particular disease etiology or drug mechanism.

Response: The Abstract section has been reformatted on the second page of the manuscript.

3. Please include the ethnicity of the patient. Please note that ‘Middle Eastern’ is not an ethnic group.

Response: “Middle Eastern’ was replaced by ‘Saudi’.

Responses to the comments of Referee #1

1. Overall, well written case report of a rare condition. Unfortunately, Figures 3a-3e were magnified and unreadable.

Response: Figure 3a-3e was uploaded as four separate figures for better resolution.

2. Minor grammatical errors noted.

Response: The written English has been edited.