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Minor Revision Requests:

Your requests:

... Why did the authors choose radiotherapy initially?

... How many years is the follow up period of patients in your department with diagnosis of prostate carcinoma? Was the follow up of the case properly performed?

... Did you have the macroscopic photo of the skin metastasis?

... With regards to 2nd TRUSG prostate biopsy, I would like to learn the Gleason score of the adenocarcinoma accompanying SCC?

Answers:

1. The explanation of the choice of radiotherapy instead of radical prostatectomy was explained and added to the manuscript and written as bold and underlined in the first paragraph of the case presentation part.

2. The follow up of the patients with prostatic carcinoma who underwent curative treatment was performed according to the suggestions of EAU guidelines in our department. The intervals might change depending on the course of PSA levels.

3. We could not take the photograph of the lesion in the skin because we did not know the pathology of the lesion when the case was first seen in our outpatient clinic. We thought the initial diagnosis as lipom.
4. The Gleason score of the adenocarcinoma and its amount in the specimen were added to the case presentation part and written as bold and underlined. The discordance between the pathologic results was explained and added to the manuscript’s discussion part as bold and underlined.