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1. Abstract; Results; Line 1

Change "diagnosed" to diagnosis.

2. Characteristics of patients with MPM. Paragraph 1; Line 5

Why do you think that 5 patients did not receive the correct diagnosis the first time? Was there a sampling or pathology technique that might avoid this in the future?

3. Please spell check through document the for correct spelling of "pleural."

4. Methods; Patients; Paragraph 2; Line 7;

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