Reviewer’s report

Title: Mammary phyllodes tumor with six episodes of a relapse: a case report

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About the paper "Mammary phyllodes tumor with six episodes of a relapse: a case report".

The authors presented a case report about a patient with multiple recurrences of a malignant phyllodes tumor of the breast.

The reviewer would like to thank the authors for this article, and offer a few comments and questions.

* English should be revised

* What did you mean by "partial mastectomy"?

* I think that the sentence "The tumor of the left breast was elastic and hard" is a little bit confusing.

* Did you confirm the diagnosis of recurrence performing a fine-needle aspiration cytology or a core biopsy of the tumor?

* Why did the patient undergo a CT scan and a MRI?

* You wrote that you performed a total mastectomy, but you did not describe how you resolve the problem of the tumor attached to the greater pectoral muscle. Please, specify.

* Why did you perform reconstructive surgery with the rectus abdominis muscle? Why did you choose this method instead of a breast expander?

* How long is the patient disease-free?

* In the Discussion section [line 103-104] you wrote that "The first onset of this tumor was diagnosed as fibroadenoma, which is difficult to distinguish from a phyllodes tumor". How do you know that was the first episode? Did you re-analyze the specimen?

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