**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Development of metachronous rectal cancers in a young man with dyskeratosis congenita: A case report

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**Reviewer:** Deepak Gunjan

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Well written and investigated.

1. Can authors provide the radiological imaging and endoscopic findings that where was the location of the tumour on endoscopy/MRI?

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