

OPEN PEER REVIEW

Open Peer Review (OPR)

As a new feature for progressing towards transparency, we decided to open a new window for all of our editors as well as authors titled "[Peer Review](#)". We hope by this new facility, our reviewers will be more motivated and authors will be more satisfied with the review process. We believe that publishing our peer review reports could make a transparent and clear environment for all our efforts within a journal, but not all reviewers tend to publish their comments.

What is "Open Peer Review" process?

An "Open Peer Review" process is making the details of all review process (including reviewers, associate editors, and EICs comments) as "Public" as it is agreed by EIC, Authors, and reviewers.

Advantages of "Open Peer Review" process

- More transparency, constructiveness and tactful comments of the peer review process: leads to an increase in the quality of reviews
- More motivations for all involved roles in the review process
- Authors' satisfactions from the review process: Increases honesty between authors and reviewers
- Education of both authors and new students
- Prevents reviewers from following their individual agendas and leading to the detection of reviewers' conflicts of interests

You can find out more at:

[Peer Review](#)



International Journal of Cancer Management

Article DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5812/ijcm-159886>

Published in: International Journal of Cancer Management: 18(1) ; e159886

Peer Review Report for "An Unusual Case of Radiation-Induced Dermatofibrosarcoma Protuberans: A Rare Type of Soft Tissue Sarcoma"

Author(s): Maryam Kalantari Khandani, Masoumeh Nouri, Kimia Darafshi

Review Timeline:

Submit Date:	26 Jan 2025
Revised Date:	9 Mar 2025
Accepted Date:	16 Apr 2025

Revision (0)

Here, you can see the **Reviewers**, **Associate Editors** and **EICs'** comments from the beginning to the end of the revision process.

REFEREE : Reviewer

16 Feb 2025

Dear AE,

The study is reviewed carefully. According to the comments this manuscript needs major revision

There are some comments which should be addressed by the author:

1. Introduction: "Following breast-conserving surgery for infiltrating carcinoma, it is imperative to administer radiotherapy, independent of the disease's specific characteristics" It is suggested to revise this sentence to follow the recent findings such that radiotherapy can be safely omitted in a specific group of patients with low-risk disease.

2. Introduction: "This approach significantly

reduces the likelihood of local recurrence, ..." it is suggested to revise the sentence so that mentioning the crucial role of adjuvant radiotherapy in controlling regional recurrence.

3. The manuscript requires English copy editing for typographical errors. For example "locally aggressive fibrous tumothat" in line 36.

4. Kindly follow the IJCM guideline for manuscript preparation.

5. Case presentation. please add the details of the patients radiotherapy.

6. It is recommended to add a figure depicting the microscopic histopathologic appearance of the DFSP lesion. This figure accordance with its description is definitely required for the manuscript acceptance. In addition, it is suggested to add the macroscopic appearance of the lesion.

7. Due to the rarity of DFSP, it is suggested to use cautious words to express that DFSP is secondary to the previous radiotherapy.

8. Discussion section can be improved by adding a comprehensive table summarizing the corresponding literature (breast DFSP).

9. Keywords must be placed after Abstract.

10. References require re-formatting to follow the journal guideline.
Kind Regards

Mohammad Esmaeil Akbari : Associate Editor

17 Feb 2025

Dear EIC,

The manuscript has been studied, and some comments should be addressed by the author. According to the comments, the document needs major revision.

Kind regards,

AE

Mohammad Esmaeil Akbari : EIC

17 Feb 2025

Dear Author,

Your article is reviewed by the reviewers carefully. According to their comments, this document needs major revision. Please follow their comments as requested.

Thanks.

OPEN PEER REVIEW

Revision (1)

Reply to Reviewers

Ideally, the reviewing process can significantly improve the submitted manuscripts by allowing the authors to take into account the advice of reviewers. Author(s) must reply to all reviewers' comments in a separate Word file, point by point. A "**Reply to Reviewers**" document is submitted along with revised manuscript during submission of revised files, summarizing the changes that the authors made in response to the reviewers' comments. The responses to reviewers' comments specifies how the authors addressed each comment the reviewers made.

You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

Reply to Reviewer Comments

We sincerely thank the reviewers for their insightful comments, which have greatly improved the quality of our manuscript. Below, we provide detailed responses to each comment. All changes have been incorporated into the revised manuscript and are highlighted for clarity.

We hope the revised manuscript meets your expectations. Please let us know if further adjustments are needed.

Reviewer 1:

1. Introduction: "Following breast-conserving surgery for infiltrating carcinoma, it is imperative to administer radiotherapy, independent of the disease's specific characteristics" It is suggested to revise this sentence to follow the recent findings such that radiotherapy can be safely omitted in a specific group of patients with low-risk disease .

Response: Thanks for your point, we corrected and highlighted this paragraph.

2. Introduction: "This approach significantly reduces the likelihood of local recurrence, ..." it is suggested to revise the sentence so that mentioning the crucial role of adjuvant radiotherapy in controlling regional recurrence .

Response: we added and highlighted this paragraph.

3. The manuscript requires English copy editing for typographical errors. For example "locally aggressive fibrous tumothat" in line 36.

Response: Thank for your attention, we corrected these errors, and highlighted in the article.

4. Kindly follow the IJCM guideline for manuscript preparation:

Response : We rewrote this case report and it was followed the IJCM guideline.

5. Case presentation. please add the details of the patient's radiotherapy. Response: we added more details, and highlighted in articles.

6. It is recommended to add a figure depicting the microscopic histopathologic appearance of the DFSP lesion. This figure accordance with its description is definitely required for the manuscript acceptance. In addition, it is suggested to add the macroscopic appearance of the lesion

Response: We unfortunately, don't have photo of macroscopic appearance of lesion but photos of microscopic histopathology was added.

7. Due to the rarity of DFSP, it is suggested to use cautious words to express that DFSP is secondary to the previous radiotherapy.

Response: we have revised the sentence accordingly

8. Discussion section can be improved by adding a comprehensive table summarizing the corresponding literature (breast DFSP).

Response: We appreciate your suggestion and have incorporated a comprehensive table into the article. Given the presence of multiple analyses on primary breast DFSP, we have specifically focused on literature regarding DFSP following radiation therapy. The table summarizes relevant studies that report cases of DFSP after RT, providing a clearer overview of the available evidence in this context.

9. Keywords must be placed after Abstract.

Response: we rewrote this case report which follows guideline of journal

10. References require re-formatting to follow the journal guideline. Thank for your point, we rewrote the references according to the Vancouver Style.

OPEN PEER REVIEW

Revision (1)

Amir Shahram Yousefi Kashi : Associate Editor

14 Apr 2025

Dear EIC

Based on the authors' answers to the reviewers' comments, the reviewer(s) have recommended publication.

Kind regards.

Mohammad Esmaeil Akbari : EIC

16 Apr 2025

Dear Author,

We have completed our review of your manuscript and are pleased to inform you that it is being considered for publication in the IJPBS. Note that the publication of your article will only be finalized upon your cooperation with the editorial processing. Thank you for your fine contribution, and we look forward to your continued contributions to the Journal.

Kind Regards,

EIC