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Peer Review Report for "Linear Atrophoderma of Moulin Localized to Face: An Exceedingly Rare Entity"

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Revision (0)

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REFEREE: Reviewer | Revision (0) — 11 Jun 2020

Dear AE,
The author has described a very rare case of LAM localized to face and has given sufficient historical and clinical details to support his diagnosis and has differentiated it from the related dermatosis. The case has been discussed in detail, especially in clinical aspects. There are a couple of typing errors.
Thanks.

Mohammad Adil: Reviewer | Revision (0) — 14 Jun 2020

Dear AE,
This article describes a very rare case of LAM localized to the face. The article is precise and beautifully presented. The discussion is adequate. However, I suggest certain changes in the article before acceptance:
1. The authors say that only one case report of LAM on the face has been described. They reference the case by Darung et al. However, at least three other cases of LAM over face have been published-
- Emre S, Metin A, Sungu N, Kilinc F, Demirseren DD. Linear atrophoderma of Moulin located on the face. Our Dermatol Online 2016;7(2):204-206 (1 case)

- Ozkur E, Altunay IK, Celik U, Demir D, Tunsel D. Linear atrophoderma of Moulin on face: an unusual location. Turk Arch Dermatol Venereol 2020;54:34-35. (2 cases)

I request the authors to incorporate these two references in the manuscript and change the main text of the manuscript accordingly.

2. The authors mention that the biopsy was not done. Was USG offered as a tool to confirm the diagnosis?

3. In the discussion on differential diagnosis, the authors have not mentioned the Idiopathic Atrophoderma of Pasini & Piereni as an important and close differential, which may sometimes present in a band like fashion. I would advise the authors to add the same in the discussion.

4. In the differential diagnosis, the author writes: '...However, the patient was asymptomatic and...' while differentiating the case from Blaschkoid LP. I suggest that this be removed as cases of Blaschkoid LP may be asymptomatic as well.

5. There are a few grammatical errors:

- Introduction, second line: 'Blaschko' not 'blaschko'
- Case presentation, 8th line: 'brownish coloured macules' can be replaced with either 'brown coloured macules' or 'brownish macules'
- Discussion, para 2, line 6: '....zygote is the mosaicism'. Please change to: '.....zygote is called mosaicism'
- Discussion, para 3, line 9: '....lesions were present'

Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 15 Jun 2020

Dear EIC,

The authors should revise the manuscript based on reviewers comments.

Thanks.

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (0) 15 Jun 2020

Dear Author,

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

Thanks.

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

S.No	Reviewer comments	Authors response	Action done
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		inclusion. But now I have included it only to follow reviewer's suggestions. I have added more reports of LAM with facial lesions **in table 1**	
	The authors mention that biopsy was not done. Was USG offered as a tool to confirm the diagnosis?	The patient was a student getting education from abroad. He had come for vacation and was scheduled to leave country next day. So he was neither interested in biopsy nor USG. However he got the diagnosis and told he will show it to the people there	
	In the discussion on differential diagnosis, the authors have not mentioned Idiopathic Atrophoderma of Pasini & Piereni as an important and close differential, which may sometimes present in a band like fashion. I would advise the authors to add the same in the discussion.	IAPP as diff Dx added.	Changes highlighted in yellow at appropriate place
	In the differential diagnosis, the author writes: '...However, the patient was asymptomatic and...' while differentiating the case from Blaschkoid LP. I suggest that this be removed as cases of Blaschkoid LP may be asymptomatic as well.	Removed as recommended	Changes highlighted in yellow
	There are a few grammatical errors: *- Introduction, second line: 'Blaschko' not 'blaschko'* *-Case presentation, 8th line: 'brownish coloured macules' can be replaced with either 'brown coloured macules' or 'brownish macules'* *-Discussion, para 2, line 6: '....zygote is the mosaicism'. Please change to: '.....zygote is called mosaicism'* *-Discussion, para 3, line 9: '....lesions were present'*	Changes done as desired	Changes highlighted in yellow
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	case of LAM localised to face and has given sufficient historical and clinical details to support his diagnosis and has differentiated it from the related dermatosis. The case has been discussed at detail especially clinical aspects. There are a couple of typing errors	appreciation. Typing errors corrected	yellow

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Mohammad Adil: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) 16 Jun 2020

Dear AE,
All my previous queries have been adequately answered by the authors. The case is now fir to be accepted.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 20 Jun 2020

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

REFEREE: EIC | **Revision** (1) 20 Jun 2020

Dear Author,
The document is reviewed carefully by the reviewers. According to their comments and your revisions as requested, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks.