

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: A Case of Several Recurrences of an Advanced Centro-Facial Scleroderma Basal Cell Carcinoma: A Case Report

Recommendation:

Accept as it is.....**YES**.....
 Accept after minor revision.....
 Accept after major revision
 Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	√			
Techn. Quality		√		
Clarity		√		
Significance			√	

Reviewer's Name: Dr Aamina

Reviewer's Decision about Paper: **Recommended for Publication.**

Comments (*Use additional pages, if required*)

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Abstract:

The abstract effectively summarizes the case report, providing essential information regarding the patient's medical history, diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes. It highlights the rare and aggressive nature of scleroderma basal cell carcinoma and the multidisciplinary approach required for treatment. The inclusion of keywords enhances the accessibility of the article for researchers.

Introduction:

The introduction provides a well-structured background on basal cell carcinoma, specifically the scleroderma variant. It appropriately discusses its clinical significance, prevalence, and challenges associated with its diagnosis and treatment. Relevant literature is cited to support the claims made regarding the tumor's behavior and its potential for local invasiveness and metastasis. The introduction effectively sets the stage for the case presentation.

Case Report:

The case report section is well-detailed, providing a chronological description of the patient's medical history, surgical interventions, and recurrence patterns. The description of the patient's reluctance for general anesthesia and the subsequent adaptation of surgical procedures to her social circumstances adds

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depth to the discussion. The integration of clinical findings, imaging results, and histological examinations provides a comprehensive overview of the case.

The report presents clear and precise imaging descriptions, including computed tomography findings and histopathological results. The involvement of a multidisciplinary team in the management of this complex case is well-documented, emphasizing the collaborative approach taken to optimize patient outcomes. The detailed surgical interventions and postoperative care are adequately described, ensuring a clear understanding of the treatment course.

Figures:

The inclusion of figures enhances the clarity of the report, offering visual representation of the patient's condition, diagnostic imaging, and intraoperative findings. The captions provide context to the images, supporting the textual descriptions effectively.

Discussion:

Although not explicitly labeled, the discussion is interwoven throughout the case report. The report successfully contextualizes the case within the existing literature, addressing the challenges of managing recurrent scleroderma basal cell carcinoma. The documentation of treatment strategies, including extensive surgical resection, maxillary reconstruction, and postoperative radiotherapy, aligns with the standard management principles for aggressive cutaneous malignancies.

Conclusion:

The case report underscores the importance of early diagnosis, appropriate surgical margins, and a multidisciplinary approach in managing recurrent and invasive scleroderma basal cell carcinoma. The report contributes valuable insights into the challenges of treating such cases, particularly in patients with social constraints.

Overall Evaluation:

The case report is well-structured, comprehensive, and informative. It presents a rare and challenging case with a clear narrative and detailed medical insights. The integration of clinical, radiological, and histopathological data enhances its scientific rigor. The use of figures complements the text, providing a visual understanding of the disease progression and surgical interventions.

This report serves as a significant contribution to the literature on scleroderma basal cell carcinoma and highlights the importance of individualized patient care, particularly in recurrent cases requiring extensive surgical management.