

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-55434

Title: Rare Presentation of Recurrent Desmoid Tumor with Intra-Abdominal Extension Following Abdominoplasty

Recommendation:

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

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

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strengths of the Study

- The case report highlights a rare presentation of recurrent desmoid tumor with intra-abdominal extension, contributing novel insights into post-abdominoplasty tumor behavior.
- The detailed surgical management, including resection, intraoperative margin assessment, and reconstruction techniques, provides uable practical guidance.
- The discussion incorporates relevant literature, offering a comprehensive overview of desmoid tumor characteristics, risk factors, and treatment strategies.
- The report emphasizes the importance of surgical margins and vigilant follow-up, which is pertinent for surgical and oncological practice.
- The inclusion of imaging figures enhances the clarity of tumor extension and surgical approach.

Weaknesses of the Study

- The report is based on a single case, limiting generalizability and statistical validity.
- There is minimal discussion on postoperative adjuvant therapies, including rationale for not pursuing additional treatments besides surgery.
- Limited detail on the long-term follow-up plan, surveillance protocols, and patient quality of life assessments.
- The literature review, while comprehensive, could better contextualize the case within current advances, especially regarding minimally invasive approaches.
- The presentation of figures and images lacks detailed legends and scale, reducing interpretability.
- Minor typographical and grammatical errors are present, affecting readability (e.g., inconsistent tense, minor sentence structure issues).

Reviewer Comments

- **Title and Abstract:** The title clearly reflects the case focus but could be more concise. The abstract effectively summarizes the case but can benefit from clearer sentence structure and smoother flow to highlight key findings and clinical significance.
- **Introduction and Objectives:** The introduction provides sufficient background on desmoid tumors but should explicitly state the specific aims of this case report. Clarifying the novelty and importance of the documented recurrence would strengthen the rationale.

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- **Methodology and Statistical Analysis:** As a case report, there is no formal statistical analysis; however, comprehensive description of preoperative assessments, surgical procedures, and histopathological evaluations is essential. Details regarding imaging modalities, intraoperative assessments, and histology criteria should be expanded.
- **Results and Discussion:** The results are appropriately presented; nevertheless, a deeper discussion comparing this case with similar reported cases could add depth. The discussion of management options, including potential adjuvant therapies, is somewhat limited.
- **Conclusion and Implications:** The conclusions are relevant but should emphasize the importance of multidisciplinary management and personalized follow-up strategies based on tumor behavior.
- **Ethical Clearance:** The manuscript does not specify whether ethical approval or informed consent was obtained, which is generally recommended for case reports, especially when identifiable information is included. Clarification is needed.
- **Language and Style:** The manuscript contains occasional grammatical errors, awkward phrasing, and inconsistent terminology. A thorough language review is recommended to improve clarity and professionalism.
- **Figures, Tables, and References:** Figures 1-3 are relevant; however, they require detailed legends with scale bars and keys. The format of the references is inconsistent and should follow the journal's specified style.