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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Research in Surgery
Manuscript Number:	Ms_AJRS_120040
Title of the Manuscript:	Sacral chordoma: A rare tumour of the buttocks
Type of the Article	Case report

PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
Is the manuscript important for scientific community? <i>(Please write few sentences regarding this manuscript to justify your answer)</i>	Yes The management of sacral chordomas is complex and challenging.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	Yes. Suitable for the clinical case presented.	
Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?	Yes. Nothing to declare.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	Yes. Nothing to declare.	

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<p>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct? (Please write few sentences regarding this manuscript to justify your answer)</p>	<p>Yes. But additional information should be provided:</p> <p>The treatment goal should be an en bloc excision with wide tumor-free margins.</p> <p>En bloc resection refers to the surgical removal of the tumor in a single piece with a sufficient margin. Should this not be the case, one should avoid using the term "en bloc resection".</p> <p>From the reading of the article, it is not clear if the tumor was "resected en bloc while preserving the sacrum and rectum," as appears in the legend of figure 1, or if the tumor was "resected en bloc with the sacrum and the rectum", meaning along with the sacrum and the rectum, as stated in figure 3 legend.</p> <p>A palliative lumpectomy was performed, and radiotherapy was indicated for this patient.</p> <p>Did the patient present any neurological deterioration, constipation, or urinary retention? How was the postoperative rehabilitation program and management?</p> <p>Once this patient presented a very large lesion, we would like to know if he presented any urinary disturbances, weight loss, and if the tumor was detected on a digital rectal examination preoperatively?</p> <p>This is a 66-year-old patient, known to be hypertensive under treatment, referred for management of sacralgia with a sacral mass and constipation evolving for 4 months, in whom the clinical examination showed no deficit with hypoesthesia in the saddle territory S3 and a fixed mole consistency mass in relation to the deep plane not very sensitive to palpation, without fistulization to the skin, signs of inflammation, or motor deficit in the lower limb.</p> <p>A detailed clinical and neurological assessment, including a digital rectal examination and an MRI scan, is mandatory for helping to establish a proper and early diagnosis. An investigation for metastatic disease should also be performed in order to decide the best treatment option (curative versus palliative). What was the rationale behind this clinical case?</p> <p>Did the patient undergo pre- and/or postoperative MRI scans? It would be nice to present the images.</p> <p>The specimen's excision should have resulted in a large dead-space cavity. How was soft tissue reconstruction performed to fill the defect and close the wound?</p> <p>What was the reason for the palliative lumpectomy procedure?</p> <p>After 3 years of evolution, the patient is still alive with no pain, and the tumor looks clinically and radiologically stable.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p>	<p>Ok.</p>	

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Minor REVISION comments Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The text contains too many grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors. All typos must be carefully corrected.	
Optional/General comments		

PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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