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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Défis de la prise en charge chirurgicale des fibromatoses desmoïdes : Agressivité locale, récidive et impératif multidisciplinaire à propos de deux cas.

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	✓			

Reviewer Name: Dr S. K. Nath

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strength of the study:

• Addresses the challenges of managing locally aggressive desmoid-type fibromatosis.
• Presents two cases involving primary disease and early recurrence.
• Includes clinical examination, MRI findings and histopathological assessment.
• Reports beta-catenin expression supporting the diagnosis.
• Describes surgical excision and management of paravertebral involvement.
• Highlights the roles of neurosurgery and reconstructive surgery.
• Includes clinical photographs and histopathological images.
• Discusses postoperative surveillance and the risk of recurrence.

Weakness of the study:

• The duration of follow-up for both patients is not clearly reported.
• Long-term recurrence and functional outcomes are unavailable.
• The rationale for surgery versus active surveillance needs further discussion.
• Detailed pathological reports and molecular findings are limited.
• The contribution of individual multidisciplinary interventions is not evaluated.
• Some clinical measurements and imaging descriptions require clarification.
• Ethical approval or exemption and written consent are not clearly documented.
• French language, reference accuracy and formatting require substantial correction.

Reviewers Comments:

The manuscript presents two cases of dorsal desmoid-type fibromatosis, illustrating the challenges of primary tumour excision and management of early recurrence. The clinical descriptions, MRI findings, histopathological images and discussion of multidisciplinary surgical planning are useful. The second case particularly highlights the technical difficulties of resection near paravertebral structures. However, the manuscript does not clearly report the duration of follow-up or provide sufficient long-term clinical, radiological and functional outcomes to support its conclusions about recurrence prevention. The authors should clarify the final pathological findings and surgical margins for both cases, explain the rationale for choosing surgery rather than active surveillance, and discuss the potential role of systemic treatment where appropriate. The claim that multidisciplinary surgery can reduce recurrence should be presented cautiously because two cases cannot establish comparative effectiveness. The manuscript also requires verification of several references, correction of language and terminology, and clarification of ethics approval or exemption and written consent for publication of clinical images. Overall, the topic is relevant, but substantial revision is required.

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Desmoid-type fibromatosis, local recurrence and multidisciplinary management are established topics in surgical and oncology literature. The manuscript cites relevant guidance and previous studies, but this does not establish the originality of its clinical cases or wording. No definitive plagiarism conclusion can be made from the manuscript alone. The authors should clarify the distinctive contribution of these two cases, verify all references and ensure that any adapted text or figures are properly acknowledged. A formal similarity check is recommended before acceptance.