

Re: re: Squamous cell carcinoma of the tongue in a patient with dyskeratosis congenita: a rare entity

Sir,

We would like to thank the authors for their valuable comments on our recent publication.^{1,2}

However, we wish to bring to their notice that our paper was meant to be an individual case report, and as such we intentionally did not include a detailed review of other publications. Our aim was to show that patients with dyskeratosis congenita might present with a whitish patch in the oral cavity, which should not be ignored as they may already be harboring a squamous cell carcinoma, as in our patient. We cited the publication by Alter et al³ as it contained a detailed review of publications about patients with dyskeratosis congenita who had presented with various malignancies. We consider these citations to have been adequate for a case report of this nature.³

We would also like to add that not all patients with dyskeratosis congenita present with leukoplakia. It is present in around 80% of patients only, and in a few cases there were no oral lesions at all.⁴

Conflict of interest

We have no conflicts of interest.

Ethics statement/confirmation of patients' permission

None needed.

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