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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Title and Abstract Title: The title accurately reflects the content of the manuscript, addressing both the case report and the literature review. However, it could be made more concise to enhance clarity, such as "Vaginal Clear Cell Adenocarcinoma in Herlyn-Werner-Wunderlich Syndrome: Case Report and Literature Review." Abstract: The abstract is clear and provides a concise summary of the case, background, and key findings. However, it would benefit from explicitly stating the main conclusion to highlight the importance of the case. Introduction Strengths: The introduction provides a clear and informative background on Herlyn-Werner-Wunderlich (HWW) syndrome, emphasizing the rarity of the condition and the associated complications. It sets the stage well for the case report. Weaknesses: The introduction could benefit from a brief overview of the relevance of this case to the broader medical community. Additionally, more references to support the statements made about HWW syndrome would strengthen the introduction. Case Presentation Strengths: The case presentation is detailed and follows a logical flow, making it easy for the reader to follow the patient's clinical course. The inclusion of imaging findings and surgical details is commendable.



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Weaknesses: Some of the language could be refined for clarity. For instance, the term "irregular vaginal bleeding for 4+ years" could be simplified to "a 4-year history of irregular vaginal bleeding." Additionally, the presentation of the patient's medical history could be more structured, possibly using subheadings for clarity (e.g., "Chief Complaints," "History of Present Illness," etc.). Discussion Strengths: The discussion is comprehensive, comparing the current case with previously reported cases. The literature review is well-integrated into the discussion, providing a solid context for the rarity of the condition. Weaknesses: The discussion could be more critical in evaluating the management options and outcomes. It would be beneficial to discuss potential alternative treatments or earlier interventions that could have been considered. Moreover, some statements in the discussion are speculative and would benefit from being supported by references. Conclusion Strengths: The conclusion succinctly summarizes the key takeaways from the case. Weaknesses: The conclusion would be stronger if it included a statement on how this case adds to the existing literature and what implications it has for clinical practice. Figures and Tables Strengths: The figures and tables are relevant and well-presented, contributing effectively to the manuscript. Weaknesses: Figure legends should be more detailed to ensure they are understandable without referring to the main text. The resolution of the figures could also be improved for better clarity. References Strengths: The references are relevant and up-to-date, covering key studies related to the topic. Weaknesses: There are some minor formatting inconsistencies in the reference list that should be addressed to meet journal guidelines. Language and Style Strengths: The manuscript is generally well-written, with a formal tone appropriate for a medical journal. Weaknesses: There are occasional grammatical errors and awkward phrasings that could be improved. A thorough proofreading would help enhance the overall readability of the manuscript. Ethical Considerations Strengths: The manuscript mentions that the authors have no conflict of interest, which is essential



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for transparency. Weaknesses: There is no mention of informed consent obtained from the patient for the publication of this case report. This should be explicitly stated to ensure ethical standards are met. Overall Evaluation This manuscript presents a rare and interesting case that is well-supported by a literature review. It contributes valuable insights into the management of HWW syndrome complicated by vaginal clear cell adenocarcinoma. However, the manuscript would benefit from a more critical discussion, minor language improvements, and clearer figures. With these revisions, the manuscript could be a strong candidate for publication. Recommendation: Minor Revision: The manuscript is of high quality but requires minor revisions before it can be accepted for publication.