Reviewer’s report

Title: Dramatic tumour response to pemetrexed single-agent in an elderly patient with malignant peritoneal mesothelioma: a case report

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General

This is a very straightforward case report of the use of a conventionally accepted single agent chemotherapy for malignant PLEURAL mesothelioma in malignant PERITONEAL mesothelioma (MPM). The advanced age and deteriorating performance status of the patient suggest that the approach of the investigators was reasonable. The authors have discussed the clinical presentation and management of MPM in broad terms as they apply to this patient, and have drawn reasonable conclusions regarding the possibility of efficacy in some patients.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

It would be of interest to suggest directions in which this observation could inform clinical trials. Would the authors care to hypothesise on the use of Pemetrexed as a single agent in a clinical trial for elderly or poor-performance status patients with MPM?

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.