Reviewer’s report

Title: Symptomatic Cushing syndrome revealing steroid cell ovarian neoplasm with late intraabdominal metastasis

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- Minor Essential Revisions

In the present case report, the authors report a patient characterized by metastatic ovarian steroid cell ovarian neoplasm. The tumor was secreting excess cortisol and androgen and the clinical Picture was compatible with Cushing’s syndrome. It is a very rare condition. Similar cases published previously are very rare. My concerns are as follows;

1- Hirsutism has been written as hirsuitism several times. It should be corrected. “His” should be “her”.

2- Plasma cortisol has been stated as “µg/ml” which should be converted to “µg/dl”.

3- Under “Discussion” Section

The authors state “… the patient had typical clinical pictures of Cushing’s syndrome”. The patient was obese or overweight but thin. This finding is not compatible with Cushing’s syndrome. Underlying devastating malignancy is the cause of normal or underweight weighting. It should be corrected.

4- The patient presented with hirsutism. Routine screening for Cushing’s syndrome in women presented with hirsutism is a controversial issue. Recent paper answers this question (Karaca et al. EJE, 2013). This issue should be discussed.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'