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Point-by-point response to reviewer:

➔ Major Compulsory Revisions:
None.

➔ Minor Essential Revisions:
It should be interesting to know if by the first presentation, five months before the diagnosis a TTE has been performed and if not why.

Response: during the first presentation a TTE was made. It showed pericardial effusion as described in the case report. The diagnosis was inconclusive and the patient was treated for presumed idiopathic recurrent pericarditis with prednisone after pericardiocentesis. This has already been described in the original case report.

➔ Discretionary Revisions:
I would like to know if a postoperative treatment (chemotherapy and/or irradiation) has taken in consideration.

Response: Although the evidence is limited and it probably does not improve survival, both chemotherapy and irradiation were started after metastases were diagnosed. We added the following sentence to the case report in the original manuscript: “Both chemotherapy and irradiation were started”. See also revisions highlighted in red in the revised manuscript.

Sincerely,

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