Reviewer’s report

Title: Skin Metastases of Esophageal Squamous Cell Carcinoma- a case report

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Reviewer: martin M okun

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Comments to authors:

The article is well written. The photographs are excellent. My chief complaint about the case is that the authors have not definitively established that the primary lesion was esophageal in origin, with subsequent metastases, when conceivably it could have been primary to lung, to skin, with subsequent metastases to esophagus. I don't believe the site of origin can be definitively established, but at the least the authors should have acknowledged this in the discussion, and justified why they think it was primary to esophagus.

What next?: Revise and resubmit

Quality of written English: Acceptable