Reviewer’s report

Title: Facial skin metastasis due to small cell lung cancer. A case report.

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Reviewer: Robert Gniadecki

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: None

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

A case of a solitary cutaneous metastasis in the face from small cell lung cancer is described. The paper is well written and the case works authentic. However, the authors, in my opinion, failed to communicate the novelty aspect od the report. In a recent original paper on cutaneous metastases (Arch Dermatol. 2007;143:613-620)lung cancer is the second most common cause of cutaneous metastasis (as many as 8/32 reported cases of all metastases) and the upper trunk and the abdomen were the most frequent sites for metastasis, followed by the head and neck. So neither the tumor type nor the facial localization of the metastasis is unusual or unexpected.

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'