Reviewer's report

Title: Pathological complete response in advanced gastric stromal tumour after imatinib mesylate therapy: A case report

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Which of the 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?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

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:

This is an interesting clinical case reporting a pathological complete response after Imatinib therapy. This paper needs to be rewritten by adding the following missing important data: 1) The results and photo of PET scan if available; 2) The molecular biology of the GIST, 3) The reference of our clinical case reporting a pathologic complete response (Mandala et al.) 4) It is important to comment how the molecular biology may help to make a decision: surgery or neoadjuvant therapy for resectable disease 5) The authors should comment also the role of adjuvant therapy since no studies have reported evaluating the role and the benefit of adjuvant imatinib after neoadjuvant therapy. 6) English needs attention

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