Author's response to reviews

Title: Lung adenocarcinoma presenting as a solitary gingival metastasis: a case report

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Dear Editor,

in the light of the comments made by the reviewers, I have modified the drafting and the quality of my work, in order to have it published in your journal. As requested, I also gave a point-by-point response to the reviewers' concerns.

Reviewer Khaled Musallam

Major Comments:

• The authors tagged the tumor as "aggressive" due to failure of two chemotherapeutic regimens. The authors should also acknowledge other factors that may have caused failure of therapy (like patient age, tumor size, etc); especially that pathological evaluation of the primary lung cancer was not possible.

  I believe I acknowledged all the factors that may have caused the failure of the therapy in the "Case presentation" section, whilst I preferred to underline the link between the solitary gingival metastasis and the poor prognosis, which is the peculiarity of this case report.

• Although the authors' reasoning may be justified, it is always better to indicate (towards the end of the manuscript) that this is a single case report and no clear diagnostic recommendations can be made based on a single report (considering the solitary gingival metastasis as a direct indicator of aggressive disease). However, the authors call that such lesions in the oral cavity merit thorough evaluation is fully supported.

  I added the consideration requested in the "Conclusion".

Minor Comments:

• Introduction, line 9; it is not clear what 30% refers to.
  I changed the sentence to better explain the concept.

• I would avoid using references in the conclusion as this should reflect authors own words.
  I deleted the references from the conclusion.

• The manuscript needs proofing for linguistic (sentence structure)
  I changed some sentences, taking the other reviewer's advice.

Reviewer Mitsutaka Kadokura

I revised my paper and I made the six changes the reviewer requested.

I also obtained informed consent from the patient's next of kin and I wrote it in the section.

Best regards,

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