Reviewer’s report

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

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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

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?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This paper is case report of lung adenocarcinoma presenting as a solitary gingival metastasis. This paper may be under appreciated by chest physicians and surgeons. However, the authors should revise their original paper following the comment.

1. ABSTRACT, case report.: The authors described that “Total-body CT scan revealed a tumour of the right lung lower lobe with ipsilateral mediastinal lymph-node involvement.”

Please correct “tumour” to “tumor”, and “involvement” to “swelling”.

2. INTRODUCTION, line 3: The authors described that “rarely and mostly involve the gingive###”
Please correct “gingive” to “gingiva”

3. INTRODUCTION, line 7: The authors described that “The iper-vasclarization in inflamed periodontal tissues may be a favouring factor.”

I can’t understand iper-vasclarization. Is this “hyper-vascularization”? Please correct a sentence.

4. CASE PRESENTATION: The authors described that “The total-body CT-scan with contrast medium revealed a 7,4 cm-sized tumor of lower lobe of the right lung with metastases in ipsilateral#######.”

Please correct “7,4 cm” to “7.4cm” or “74mm”.

5. DISCUSSION: The authors described that “To the best of our knowledge, no other similar cases have been described and this calls attention to importance of recognition of metastases to oral soft tissues. Generally, gingival metastases are#######”

Please add a sentence as follows “To the best of our knowledge, no other similar cases have been described and this calls attention to importance of recognition of metastases to oral soft tissues. Most gingival lesions in patients with prior or current non-oral malignancies are not metastases (reference K). Generally, gingival metastases are#######”


6. DISCUSSION: The authors described that “Generally, gingival metastases are polypoid or exophytic and highly vascularized; bleeding is very common(8-10; 14-16)”

Please add a sentence as follows “Generally, gingival or oral mucosal metastases extend from mandibular or maxillary lesions, and spread beyond the periosteum to cause visible gingival or oral mucosal masses(reference K). Therefore, gingival metastases are polypoid or exophytic and highly vascularized; bleeding is very common(8-10; 14-16).”


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