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Title: Upper Cervical Intramedullary Spinal Metastasis of Ovarian Carcinoma Case Report and Review of the Literature

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Dear Editor:

This is in reference to our article, Upper Cervical Intramedullary Spinal Metastasis of Ovarian Carcinoma: Case Report and Review of the Literature, which is being submitted for consideration of publication in the Journal of Medical Case Reports. This is the first case report of an upper cervical intramedullary spinal ovarian carcinoma metastasis from our review of the literature. The authors hereby declare that there are no competing interests. Our institution is a BioMed Central member. We confirm that all the authors of the manuscript have read and agreed to its content, and that readily reproducible materials described in the manuscript will be freely available to any scientist wishing to use them for non-commercial purposes. We confirm that the manuscript is original, has not already been published in a journal and is not currently under consideration by another journal.

We are submitting a revision which highlights both reviewer’s comments.

Reviewer (George Jallo)

We have added the cause of death in the revision.

We do feel this case is reportable and have added significant changes to highlight the fact that this is the first case report of a high cervical lesion of a rare metastatic pathology in the literature. Therefore, as these patients live longer from their systemic disease, we feel that readers (in general medicine as well, who often see these patients first) will appreciate the potential role of surgery in once believed to be inoperable lesion. Our hope is that publishing this case report will make medical practitioners more aware of the role of surgery along with adjuvant therapy in these situations.

Reviewer (Bernhard Schaller)

We have restructured abstract
We have eliminated/edited the introduction and discussion sections.

For the additional formatting changes we have made the following changes:
We restructured the Abstract per your requirements
We revised the consent statement per your requirements
We changed Case Report to ‘Case Presentation’
We included the patient’s ethnicity

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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