Reviewer's report

Title: Survival over seven years with peritoneal mesothelioma

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Reviewer: Vincenzo de Pangher Manzini

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

The paper describes an unusual case of very long survival in malignant peritoneal mesothelioma (MPM)

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:

General comment

The paper describes an unusual case of very long survival in malignant peritoneal mesothelioma (MPM).

Revision necessary for publication

For a complete report and a better understanding of the case it appears useful that the Authors add:
1. In the case presentation:
a. Some notices about asbestos exposure
b. The presence/absence of thrombocytosis
c. The data of the diagnosis and of the subsequent diagnostic and therapeutic procedures

2. In the discussion:
a. Some considerations about the differential diagnosis between MPM and other possible neoplasm like primary peritoneal carcinoma, extraovarian carcinoma, even peritoneal carcinomatosis from breast carcinoma
b. A consideration about a possible relationship between the very favourable prognosis of this case and the type of presentation of MPM, like those recently described by Sugarbaker and de Pangher Manzini.

Minor comment
Case presentation, 6th paragraph: “pseudosarcomatous”

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests