Reviewer's report

Title: Primary pleural leiomyosarcoma with rapid progression and fatal outcomes: a case report

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Reviewer: Georgios Stathopoulos

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: None

Has the case been reported coherently?: No

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?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

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:

RE: JMCR article #6079874366458609
Rais G et al.
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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

With interest I reviewed the above-referenced manuscript. The paper reports on a case of pleural leiomyosarcoma. The case is poorly described and documented and the presentation is of marginal interest. Some comments for the authors are as follows:
1. The tumor is on the right side. In the text and figure legends the authors state that it is left-sided.

2. The exclusion of alternative diagnoses based on molecular markers needs to be better explained, i.e., mesothelioma was ruled out based on the absence of x, y, and z immunoreactivity, etc. The negative immunoreactivity images need also to be shown, in addition to the positive ones, since they are essential for the diagnosis.

3. What were the cellular and biochemical characteristics of the pleural fluid in this patient?

4. The paper needs thorough language editing.


6. What was different in this case as compared to the previous 9 cases?

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'