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Title: A 65 yrs old lady presenting with gastric obstruction from breast cancer: case report and literature review

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Reviewers 2 Comments:

I would like to see the pathology of the original breast tumour if possible compared to the new sample. It will also be good to demonstrate ER/PR/Her2 staining and the Ki67 % if available for the new biopsy. In this ear, one should think of change in receptor status and tumour biology

Rebuttal:

Dear Reviewer, Many thanks for reviewing the script and coming out with the above query.

The lady had her original breast cancer removed not in our hospital; therefore, we would not be able to provide any original pathology slides photos for your perusal. However, her gastric biopsies were done at our end and after speaking to the pathologist, I gather her biopsy sample size was too small to do a full protein marker (ER, PR, and HER 2) profile. Further, given the lady’s past history of lobular breast cancer and a strong positivity for the GCDFP proteins on gastric biopsies (which in itself are very much confirmatory of the invasive lobular pathology), our pathologist decided not to pursue the protein marker profile. Our hospital breast MDT bases the adjuvant treatment decisions from the core biopsy ER/PR status, therefore, as our lady’s primary was positive for the ER status we decided to switch her to exemestane therapy in view of her clinical progression.

The above explanation has now been added on to the main body of the manuscript. I have also discussed briefly receptor based transformation playing a role in cancer progression. Again this has been mostly limited to HER 2 receptor only and in our case the lady’s HER 2 status was negative and therefore we would believe that it could have been the reason for her progression.

Please place the keywords after the abstract

Please replace the ethnicity of the patient from? White? to ?Caucasian? in both the abstract and Case presentation sections

Rebuttal:
The suggested changes have been made.