Reviewer's report

Title: A case of advanced small-cell colon carcinoma: a case report

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Reviewer: Dr Paulina Spiliopoulou

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Presentations, diagnoses and/or management of new and emerging diseases

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?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

1) Patient's Performance Status prior to initial treatment needs to be documented somewhere in the text.
2) Numbers need to be given regarding survival rate in other cases of colonic SCC specifically for cases of extensive disease.
3) The use of UFT needs to be justified as IP/CE was justified by mentioning NCCN guidelines.
4) I believe that a brief overview of the patient's management should be added in the conclusion paragraph, mentioning the possible role of surgery as a way to achieve tumour volume control in a case that was proven to be advanced and would have been treated without surgery if the tumour extend was known pre-operatively.
Words that need to be replaced:
Swelled lymph node = enlarged lymph node.
Invasion from outside = external invasion.
obtain a better survival = achieve a better survival
"Under the suspicion of colon cancer, further..." = no need for this sentence.
Operation scar at the median upper abdomen= upper abdominal midline scar.
Anal side of the sigmoid= distal end of sigmoid

Page 7, line 4: Bormann type 5?? do you mean another type? I am only aware of 4 types.
Exposed to the outside of the serosa = extending beyond serosa
Hepatic enzyme elevation= transaminitis
At the time of finishing= After finishing
which raised a suspicious = which raised a suspicion

growing dissemination= growing peritoneal dissemination??

"Evidently, well to moderately differentiated adenoca includes a certain number of NEC": do you conversely mean that some NECs include adenoca??

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published