Author's response to reviews

Title: A unique combination of testicular seminomatous mixed germ cell tumor with choriocarcinoma and teratoma with secondary somatic malignancy: a case report

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Thanks for reviewing our article and valuable suggestions and feedback. Please find below our response with corrections.

Reviewer’s report #1

1) The information of the lymph node status is missing.
   a. Lymph node status has been mentioned on page 4; no lymph node dissection was performed.

2) Why was the patient unable to perform pulmonary function tests prior to chemotherapy? In addition it is not clear if bleomycin was omitted only for the first cycle of chemotherapy or through the entire treatment.
   b. Reason for pulmonary function tests and questions regarding Bleomycin therapy have been addressed to on page no. 5/6. Bleomycin was omitted from first round only as patient was unable to perform pulmonary function tests. The exhalation time was too short and end test criteria were not met. Repeat pulmonary function test 2 weeks later revealed normal air flow and normal diffusion capacity.

3) The details from the patient's last follow up should be mentioned in the case presentation section of the manuscript rather than the last paragraph of the discussion.
   c. Last available follow up of the case has been removed from discussion section and added to the case report section on page 6.

4) The reported level of #-hCG following chemotherapy is not in the normal range as mentioned in the text.
d. It has been changed from “normal” to “decreased” on page 2.

5) There is no biopsy from the metastatic lesions in order to make the correct histologic diagnosis. Could the metastases consist of choriocarcinoma since it seems that there are only splachnic metastases with no lymph nodes and the hCG has not been normalised following chemotherapy or is it rhabdomyosarcoma? If it is rhabdomyosarcoma it would not probably respond well to cisplatin based chemotherapy.

e. We do agree with the possibility raised that the metastatic component could be choriocarcinoma but unfortunately, biopsies from the suspected metastatic sites were not diagnostic.

6) The definition of teratoma with somatic malignancy would be helpful for the readers of the article.

f. Definition of teratoma with somatic type malignancy with appropriate reference has been included in the discussion.

7) The figures are not cited in the text.

g. Figures have been appropriately cited in the text.

8) On the title page, the title of the article should include the study design, i.e. a case report, in order to conform with the guide for authors.

h. “a case report” has been added to the title.

9) The ethnicity of the patient should be added to the case presentation of the abstract according to the guide for authors.

i. Ethnicity has been mentioned to the case presentation section.

10) Some minor type errors:
- p2, line 15: liver and spleen should not start with capital letters.
- p4, line 11: there is a "d" missing from the word epididymis.
- p5, line 17: wrong spelling of the word teratomatous.
- There are abbreviations used in the text that are not defined at first use, such as EMA, IHC, PLAP.

j. All these corrections have been made on the respective pages and a list of abbreviations has been added after conclusion.

Reviewer’s report #2
1. The whole text should be numbered at as a footer.
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2. The first page includes the title. According to Instruction for authors, ‘: a case report’ should be added at the end of the title as a case report.
   b. Done

3. Abstract should start with ‘Introduction’ and ‘Keywords’ should be after ‘Conclusion’ at the 2nd page.
   c. Done

4. Introduction of the main text should not be in the same page of abstract. (See the 3rd page.)
   d. Done

5. At the 4th page, histopathological comments are mentioned but any figures (Figure 1 to 3) are not cited or not inserted appropriately.
   e. Figure citation has been added in the text.

6. There is no ‘Conclusion’ part in the main text after the ‘Discussion’.
   f. Conclusion has been added.

7. Revise ‘References’ section. According to Instruction for authors, ‘Citations in the reference list should include all named authors, up to the first 30 before adding ’et al.’.’ Change ref. 7 according to Instruction.
   g. Done

8. Some miswritten words and characters are observed and English expression seems to be naïve in occasion. Please make a proofreading of the whole text again.
   #echogenecity#echogenicity
   #Expression of tumor markers is lack uniformity. ‘beta HCG’ ‘beta-hCG’ and so on. You can abbreviate those words and can put on ‘List of abbreviations used’ section.