Author's response to reviews

Title: Breast and splenic metastases of squamous cell carcinoma from the uterine cervix: a case report

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Dear Editor

Please find enclosed our manuscript “Breast and splenic metastasis of squamous carcinoma from the uterine cervix: a case report”; for your consideration. We modify the manuscript according to the reviewer comments.

Please find below our responses to the comments:

- **Title:** "Spleen" to be changed to "splenic" "metastasis" to be changed to "metastases" "squamous carcinoma" to be changed to "squamous cell carcinoma"
  >> We changed the title to: Breast and splenic metastases of squamous cell carcinoma from the uterine cervix: a case report

- **Abstract** "the most commun primary site" to be changed to "the most common primary sites"
  >> We did.
  
  - "The cervical origin is extremely rare." To be amended
  >> We modified to: The cervical origin is exceptional.

  - "Spleen metastasis from squamous carcinoma of the cervix are also rare" to be changed to "Spleen metastasis from squamous carcinoma of the cervix is also rare"
  >> Done

- FIGO: explain the abbreviation as it appears for the first time in the abstract
  >> We used for the first time FIGO in the case presentation and explain it.

- BIRADS: explain the abbreviation for the first time
  >> We used for the first time BIRADS in the case presentation and explain it.

- "We report here a case of" to be changed to "We report hereby a case of"
  >> We did
- **Introduction**
  - "rare, frequencies of 0.5%–6.6% have been reported in clinical and autopsy studies" to be changed to "rare, and a frequency of 0.5%–6.6% has been reported in clinical and autopsy studies"
    
    >> We did
  
  - "The cervical origin is rarely reported and often in widespread disease or at least with lung metastases." to be amended.
    
    >> Modified to: The cervical origin is rarely reported, and often occurs in widespread disease with multiple other metastatic sites, notably lung.
  
  - "Spleen metastasis" to be changed to "splenic metastasis"
    
    >> We did
  
  - "Spleen metastasis from squamous carcinoma of the cervix are rare" to be changed to "Splenic metastasis from squamous carcinoma of the cervix is rare"
    
    >> Done
  
  - "rare, at the best of our knowledge only 3 cases of isolated spleen metastasis are reported in the literature" to be changed to "rare. To the best of our knowledge, only 3 cases of isolated splenic metastasis are reported in the literature"
    
    >> We did

**Case presentation**
  
  - "55 year old" to be changed to "55-year-old"
    
    >> Changed
  
  - "who presented squamous uterine cervical carcinoma" to be changed to "who presented with squamous uterine cervical carcinoma"
    
    >> We did
  
  - "ECOG performance" please explain the abbreviation
    
    >> We did
  
  - "We decided with the patient to stop the chemotherapy" to be amended.
    
    >> We modified to: For that reason, we stopped chemotherapy.

**Discussion**
  
  - "Cervical cancer is one of the most common in women worldwide." To be amended.
    
    >> modified to: Cervical cancer is one of the most common malignant diseases in females worldwide.
  
  - "Its extension is initially to primary echelon nodes followed by para-aortic and then distant sites." To be amended
The pattern of metastatic diffusion initially involves pelvic lymph nodes, followed by para-aortic nodes and then distant sites.

"And generally occurs at the end of disease evolution." To be amended

and generally occurs in widespread disease,

"in solid tumors, occurs approximately" to be changed to "in solid tumors, occurring approximately"

The clinical history of our patient helps us to establish "The clinical history of our patient helped us to establish"

but we have to be careful if the metastasis is revealing. To be amended

Modified to: but if the metastasis is revealing we have to be careful to distinguish the primary of the metastasis.

"The exact mechanism of occurrence of breast an spleen metastasis in cervical cancer is unknown," to be amended

modified to: the physiopathology of breast and splenic metastasis in cervical cancer is unknown

"The majority of the reports use palliative chemotherapy." To be changed to "The majority of the reports used palliative chemotherapy."

Conclusion

"The majority of the reports use palliative chemotherapy." To be changed to "The majority of the reports used palliative chemotherapy."

We did

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Figure legends:

"in cord of tumor cells": better to changed into "in nest of tumor cells" >> done

"magnification: 10x" to changed to "magnification: 100x" >> done

"magnification: 40x" "magnification: 400x" >> done

Thank you for your time and consideration;

We look forward to hearing from you, at your earliest convenience

Sincerely, yours

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