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**

    - We gave more details to case presentation, we added CT image showing the splenic lesion.

    - Unfortunately we didn’t perform biopsy of the splenic lesion. Based on previous history of tumour and the imaging we considered it as a metastase.

    - "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.
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

>> modified to: 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

>> modified to: and generally occurs in widespread disease,

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

>> We did

- "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."

>> We did

**Conclusion**

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

>> We did

- "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.

**Figure legends:**

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

- Fig.1: "magnification: 10×" to changed to "magnification: 100×" >> done

- Fig.2: "magnification: 40×" "magnification: 400×" >> 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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