Reviewer's report

Title: Breast and spleen metastasis of squamous carcinoma from the uterine cervix: a case report

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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: No

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?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This case report set out to describe a patient with cervical squamous cell carcinoma with metastasis to both spleen and breast. The case report is poorly described and the written text has major grammatical flaws and needs throughout revision. I have tried to note some grammatical errors at the end of my comments. Also, splenic metastasis was not proven histopathologically. Abdominal CT images were not provided as well.

Title:
"Spleen" to be changed to "splenic"
"metastasis" to be changed to "metastases"
"squamous carcinoma" to be changed to "squamous cell carcinoma"
Abstract
"the most commun primary site" to be changed to "the most common primary sites"
"The cervical origin is extremely rare." To be amended
"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"
FIGO: explain the abbreviation as it appears for the first time in the abstract
BIRADS: explain the abbreviation for the first time
"We report here a case of" to be changed to "We report hereby a case of"
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"
"The cervical origin is rarely reported and often in widespread disease or at least with lung metastases." to be amended.
"Spleen metastasis" to be changed to "splenic metastasis"
"Spleen metastasis from squamous carcinoma of the cervix are rare" to be changed to "Splenic metastasis from squamous carcinoma of the cervix is rare"
"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"
Case presentation
"55 year old" to be changed to "55-year-old"
"who presented squamous uterine cervical carcinoma" to be changed to "who presented with squamous uterine cervical carcinoma"
"ECOG performance" please explain the abbreviation
"We decided with the patient to stop the chemotherapy" to be amended.
Discussion
"Cervical cancer is one of the most common in women worldwide." To be amended.
"Its extension is initially to primary echelon nodes followed by para-aortic and
then distant sites." To be amended

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

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

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

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

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"

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

Figure legends:

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

Fig.1: "magnification: 10×" to changed to "magnification: 100×"

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

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests