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Title: Ovarian metastases from ileum cancer in a patient with germline EPCAM gene deletion successfully treated with surgical resection and CAPOX chemotherapy: A case report

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We thank the reviewers for their valuable opinions. We have tried our best to incorporate all the suggestions in the revised version of the manuscript. Please find the replies to the suggestions of the reviewers below. We hope that we have been able to address the queries satisfactorily.

Assistant Editor Comments:

1. Availability of data and materials
   →Because the data showed in the report could compromise the privacy of this patient and her family, our data could not been deposited. We corrected our data availability statement (Line 208-211).
2. Author's Contributions
a) We note that two authors have the same initials “TM”. To distinguish between them in the Authors’ Contributions section please designate them as "TM1" and "TM2", with "TM1" corresponding to Takeo Minaguchi, chosen because this name is furthest up the author list.
→As the Assistant Editor suggested, we corrected "T.M." to "TM1" in line 227 and "T.M." to "TM2" in line 229.

b) We have noticed a discrepancy in the Authors’ contributions section of your manuscript. In regard to the individual authors’ contributions, you have not stated the individual contribution of Sari Nakao. Please include the individual contribution of Sari Nakao in the Authors’ contributions section of your manuscript.
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Reviewer 1:

1. To facilitate understanding of Figures 1 and 2, it is recommended that there in figure 1 is added information on which family members carry the EPCAM mutation and whom is tested negative eg. indicated by a plus or minus sign.
→As the reviewer suggested, we added the status of the EPCAM mutation.

2. In figure 2, I recommend to add an arrow to indicate the tumor location.
→As the reviewer suggested, we added the arrow key in figure 2.