Author’s response to reviews

Title: Sarcomatoid renal cell carcinoma: A case report and literature review

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Author’s response to reviews:

Dear BMC Nephrology Editorial Office,

Thanks you very much for your comments and suggestions.

We have revised the manuscript, according to the comments and suggestions of reviewers and editor, and responded, point by point to, the comments as listed below. All changes to the manuscript are indicated in the text by highlighting.

With the help of a professional writer, we have re-edited the paper.

I would like to re-submit this revised manuscript to BMC Nephrologys, and hope it is acceptable for publication in the journal.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

With kindest regards,

Yours Sincerely

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Replies to Reviewers and Editor

First of all, we thank both reviewers and editor for their positive and constructive comments and suggestions.

Replies to Reviewer #1:

None.

Replies to Reviewer #2:

1) The writing is very poor, which needs a professional writer to completely re-write/edit the paper.

Answer: With the help of a professional writer, we have re-edited the paper.

2) Since this paper wishes to review relevant literatures, it is essential for the authors to update and include pertinent papers.

For example,

i) A general RCC review should be included, such as Hsieh JJ et al. 2017 Nat Rev Dis Primers PMID 28276433

Answer: On the basis of the literature suggested by reviewe, we have made a few patches in the revised manuscript.

ii) Treatment updates on sRCC regarding targeted therapies, such as Kariakopoulos CE et al. 2015 Clin Genitourin Cancer. PMID 25450036, and Voss MH et al. 2014 Ann Oncol PMID 24458473

Answer: On the basis of the literatures suggested by reviewer, we have added contents regarding targeted therapies of sRCC in the 4th paragraph on page 5 in the revised manuscript.

iii) Molecular updates on thsRCC are needed, such as Bi M. et al. 2016 PNAS PMID 26864202, and Malouf G.G. et al. 2016, Eur Euro PMID 26895810

Answer: On the basis of the literatures suggested by reviewer, we have added contents regarding molecular of sRCC in the 2nd paragraph on page 4 and in the 4th paragraph on page 5 in the revised manuscript.
iv) Radiogenomics of RCC, such as Karlo et al. 2014, Radiology, PMID 24029645

Answer: On the basis of the literature suggested by reviewer, we have added contents regarding radiogenomics of RCC in the 5th paragraph on page 6 in the revised manuscript.

3) The 7 references cited on the significance of sarcomatoid changes and poor clinical outcome should be simplified to one or two key papers since it is a well recognized feature.

Answer: The 7 references have be simplified to two key papers (reference 2 and 7) in the revised manuscript.

4) A few things learned from this sarcomatoid case should be discussed in addition to the potential benefit to avoid/delay surgery

For example,

i) the young age of this patient,

Answer: We have discussed the young age of this patient in the 4th paragraph on page 5 in the revised manuscript.

ii) the unusual high PET activity,

Answer: We have added contents regarding FDG-PET of RCC in the 3rd paragraph on page 5 in the revised manuscript.

iii) the role of biopsy in this case,

Answer: We have discussed the role of biopsy in the 5th paragraph on page 6 in the revised manuscript.

iv) the need of early intervention with targeted therapy

Answer: We have discussed the problem in the 4th paragraph on page 5 in the revised manuscript.