Author’s response to reviews

Title: Gingival metastasis of a mediastinal pulmonary sarcomatoid carcinoma: A case report

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Dr. Vipin Zamvar
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RE: Resubmission of our manuscript (ID #JCTS-D-19-00179)

Dear Dr. Zamvar,

Thank you very much for email with encouraging news regarding our manuscript. We also thank the reviewers for their valuable comments and suggestions. After incorporating their critiques into our revised manuscript, we would like to resubmit the same for further consideration for publication in JCTS. All amendments are highlighted in red in the revised manuscript, and our point-by-point responses to the comments are listed below. This revised manuscript has been edited and proofread by Medjaden Bioscience Limited (Hong Kong, China).

Thank you again! We hope that the revision would be acceptable for publication in the Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,
Our responses to the reviewers’ critiques:

Reviewer #1
This is an interesting case but it lacks of important information. I understand that the patient underwent total body CT scan preoperatively. Did the total body included brain CT scan? If yes, was the right maxilla soft tissue mass detected at the CT scan? I wonder if PET scan is routinely performed in lung cancer patients at your Department, maybe PET scan would have had detected the metastasis preoperatively. An extensive English review of the paper is needed.

Response: First of all, we thank the reviewer for the positive remark. It is true that these patients were examined with whole body CT. However, this did not include a brain CT. To avoid confusion for the whole body CT, we have made this more specific in the revised manuscript. Based on chest CT and clinical manifestations, the patient was diagnosed with mediastinal tumor. Furthermore, this patient did not receive PET, because our hospital does not have one. This revised manuscript has been edited and proofread by Medjaden Bioscience Limited (Hong Kong, China).

Reviewer #2
This is an interesting case report and would be a valuable addition to the current literature available on Pulmonary Sarcomatoid Carcinomas (PSC). Looking at previous reports, not only that these are rare and aggressive, it is safe to say that they can metastasize anywhere in the body. This case therefore, comes with no surprises. It highlights that clinicians should have a
high index of suspicion in the diagnosis and management of PSC, both of which are controversial partly due to the complexity of the clinical presentation.

Response: We thank the reviewer for the positive remark. Indeed, this case does have these unique points as an addition to the literature.

I thank the authors for their efforts in writing up this clinical case report. I, however, would suggest a language correction by a specialist prior publication.

Response: We thank the reviewer for the careful review. This revised manuscript has been edited and proofread by Medjaden Bioscience Limited (Hong Kong, China).