Reviewer’s report

Title: Concurrence of primary pulmonary malignant melanoma with invasive pulmonary adenocarcinoma: a case report

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P.7.51-4 "… this case can provide a reference for clinically similar cases in the future."

I disagree. Reports of single cases may be of interest and even of value if they document a particular complication related to treatment and likely to be seen again, or a first-in-man treatment which may be of value. However, in my view it is impossible to derive any useful generalisation from this apparently unique case treated in an individualised way.

I am concerned that the treatment is very unlikely to have benefited the patient. You tell us that she was asymptomatic and it is clear that she had disseminated cancer. If you had to plan treatment within a limited budget you might have chosen to wait and relieve symptoms with symptom targeted or systemic palliation. Lung resection was predictably futile.


I am aware that in China many patients, including the poor, have to pay for treatment from their own savings and it is remarkable that there appears to still be a lack of universal health care coverage. The situation can occur in other countries that are backward in provision of equitable health care. One such is the USA. The dilemma presented to this patient and her family to find funds, but not all of the investigation and treatment, seems to me a terrible indictment of any country's medical care.

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