Reviewer's report

Title: A case of Ewing's sarcoma in a patient with a diagnostic dilemma: a case report and review of literature

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Reviewer: DIVYA KHOSLA

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

Do you believe the case report is authentic?:

The case report is authentic. But the treatment part needs to be elaborated more.
The manuscript requires major compulsory revisions.

Do you have any ethical concerns?:

I dont have any ethical concerns

Is the Abstract representative of the case presented?:

Abstract needs to be modified a bit. The treatment part should be rewritten for better clarity.
The stage of disease should be mentioned. Stage is very important as it will guide whether the disease is resectable or not. Also in case presentation, it’s been mentioned that there was involvement of vagina and parametrium on MRI. Was the disease completely resected? 2. In case presentation, it has been mentioned that subsequently chemotherapy was discontinued and patient was taken up for surgery. What was the dose of radiation planned and what was delivered? Whether patient showed any response to chemoradiation?

Does the Introduction explain the relevance of the case to the medical literature?:

Yes. But appropriate references should be added.
To Write the last line in introduction as .... “In this article, we present a case of primary PNET tumor of the cervix which is a rare entity and can lead to diagnostic dilemma. It was initially diagnosed as neuroendocrine small cell carcinoma of the cervix. We also summarize.....”

Does the article report relevant patient information?: Yes
Does the article report relevant physical examination findings?: Yes

Does the article report important dates and times in this case?: Yes

Does the article report the diagnostic assessments?: Yes

Does the article report the types of intervention?: Yes

Does the article report a summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits?: No

If any information is missing from the reporting, please detail it here:

Clinical course of follow-up visits

Is the interpretation (discussion and conclusion) well balanced and supported by the case presented?:

Discussion needs to be shortened. It needs major revision
Conclusion should come after discussion

Does the case represent a useful contribution to the medical literature?:

The case can be published provided the queries have been addressed and revision has been done.
It is a rare entity and should be reported.

Was written informed consent to publish this case obtained?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?:

Yes

Additional comments to authors?:

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Comments
The manuscript needs major revision. Also needs language corrections before being published.

Abstract
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Keywords: Delete case series from it

Introduction

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Case Presentation

1. Mention the figures in serial order.

2. Mention the stage, radiation and chemotherapy doses and schedule.

3. Mention the histopathological findings of TAH-BSO in brief.

4. What was the adjuvant chemotherapy regimen and number of cycles administered?

5. After what duration of follow-up, patient developed metastasis and what was the site of metastasis?

Conclusion should come after discussion

Discussion

1. Discussion needs to be shortened.

2. After first line mention the references numbers and also write in the table corresponding to author’s name.

3. Please add references numerically in serial order in the text.

4. Delete the line... “We noted a bimodal peak, with tumors either presenting in adolescence or perimenopausal period”.

5. Mention the references in the following lines

The vaginal bleeding with enlarged uterus led to the preliminary diagnosis of fibroid in two patients. One patient had vaginal stenosis and necrotic tissue on the cervix.

6. It would be better if stage is mentioned in number along with percentage in bracket. Write how many patients presented in stage I B, IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB, IV and then correlate the outcome with stage.

7. The following sentence needs to be revised.....This is encouraging, as early stage at diagnosis, is a good prognostic factor per our literature review.

8. It would be better if you write how PET is helpful in diagnosis and
management. It was done in other case report also. Better not to write that it was
done only in our case.

9. The paragraph on CA-125 should be deleted.

10. References should be mentioned in serial order in the entire article.

11. Rewrite the following line.....The only of cervical PNET that was initially
misdiagnosed as lymphoma, was reported by Benbrahim et al (2).

12. Mention references in the following lines....... Cytogenetic analysis was done
in three cases. FISH was used in two cases while RT-PCR was used in two
cases.

13. Write as ....Currently there is no uniformity of treatment, because of the rarity
of this neoplasm.

14. Better write it as Snijders-Keilholz et al. Recommended....

15. Rather writing it most of the patients, mention how many patients underwent
LND out of 18 reported in the literature and what is the role of LND in PNETof
uterine cervix

16. There is lot of repetition such as one case reported by.... Modify the lines so
that they dont look monotonous.

17. In paragraph on radiation therapy, discuss how many patients received
radiation therapy and what was the intent: definitive, adjuvant or palliative.
Mention the dose and dose fractionation used with median dose. Also report how
many patients developed local recurrence.

18. Baldini et al... Add reference and reference number in the manuscript.

19. Write conclusion after discussion.

20. Submit MRI images of better quality.

21. Write full forms of abbreviations used in the table below it.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have no conflicts of interest.