Author's response to reviews

Title: A Rare Case of Triple Synchronous Primary Lung Cancer: A Case Report and Literature Review.

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for reviewing our manuscript “A Rare Case of Triple Synchronous Primary Lung Cancer: A Case Report and Literature Review”.

Reviewer’s comments are very well appreciated.

Reviewer 1:

Thank you for the kind words.

Reviewer 2:

The authors need to respond to these issues:

At the end of the Introduction there is a need to add a paragraph that explains why this case report is presented (what is unique and adds to the medical knowledge)

We identified a unique case of triple SLC, including adenocarcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and mixed small and large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma that has poor prognostic implication. Biopsy of the other lesions helped us differentiating metastatic disease from primary lung cancer. Having three different primary cancers made treatment challenging.
More information is needed:

Give complete past medical, social, family, and environmental exposure history.

The patient’s past medical history included cerebrovascular accident with residual left-sided weakness, bronchial asthma, lung adenocarcinoma (stage IIIB)

His social history included smoking 55 packs per year, and a family history of cancer: his mother suffered from colon cancer and his brother from an unknown type of cancer. He had no environmental exposures.

What medication was the patient on prior to diagnosis?

He was on aspirin, atorvastatin, albuterol inhaler, fluticasone inhaler.

Did the patient respond to chemotherapy?

The patient was started on chemotherapy with Cisplatin and Etoposide. After completing four cycles of chemotherapy, there was no significant response to the treatment.

Give follow up after discharge up to the present.

Due to functional decline, he finally chose hospice care.

Thank you,

With Regards,

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