Author’s response to reviews

Title: Metastasis of advanced gastric cancer to the extraocular muscle: A case report

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Dear Dr. Elie G Dib

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We thank the reviewers for careful reading our manuscript and for giving comments. We have revised the manuscript “Metastasis of advanced gastric cancer to the extraocular muscle: A case report” on the basis of Reviewer’s comments. We fundamentally agree with all comments and incorporated to the R1 version. Red indicates the parts that according to Reviewer.

We look forward to a publication of our manuscript in Journal of Medical Case Reports.

Sincerely,

Sakiko Goto

Response to Reviewer 1: Dr. Qi Zhe Ngoo

Thank you very much for reviewed our manuscript.

Response to Reviewer 2: Dr. Andi Arus Victor, MD, PhD
We wish to express our appreciation to the reviewers for their insightful comments on our paper. The comments have helped us significantly improve the paper.

We agree with all advices and incorporated them to R1 version. Red indicates the parts that we changed according to Review.

Comments to authors:

Background

2. Consider adding more demographic and general information of the disease, e.g. the rate of extraocular metastasis from gastric cancer, rate of case fatality, and the general prognosis.

Our reply:

We agree that this point, and have added the following text to the Background (p.5, line 43-45).

3. Consider adding commonly observerd clinical manifestation of extraocular muscle metastasis and the diagnostic approach, as the background of the case presentation.

Our reply:

We agree that this point, and have added the new reference (Ref. 4) and following text to the Background (p.5, line 45-49).

Case Presentation

3. Could you please include the time when the tumor metastasized to the ovary, mesentery, subcutaneous neck, and bone marrow?

Our reply:

Thank you for your suggestion. We have added the following text to the Case Presentation (p.6, line 58-59).

4. Could you please include the vital sign and general systemic condition of the patient?

Our reply:

We have added the following text to the Case Presentation (p.6, line 60-61).
7. The diagnosis of the disease was only based on clinical symptoms and CT scan; do you have the biopsy test result of the tumor?

Our reply:

We did not have the biopsy test because the patient’s consent was not obtained.

8. How many times did the patient get the radiation therapy? How was the procedure done in concordance of the chemotherapy protocol? Consider adding a brief statement about it.

Our reply:

We have added the following text to the Case Presentation (p.7, line 73-75).

Discussion

2. Consider adding line 76-78 with additional demographic information on the disease elsewhere, to the Background section.

Our reply:

Thank you for your suggestion. In accordance with the reviewer’s comment, we have added this sentence to the Background section.

4. The term "Orbit" in line 91, consider rephrasing to "eye"

As the definition of orbit is the bony cavity perforated for the passage of nerves and blood vessels that occupies the lateral front of the skull immediately beneath the frontal bone on each side and encloses and protects the eye and its appendages.

Our reply:

We have changed the term to the left eye (p.9, line 100).