Reviewer’s report

Title: Unexpected presentation of accessory breast cancer presenting as a subcutaneous mass at costal ridge: A case report

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1. Do you believe the case report is authentic?

No, although it is extremely rare.

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Yes

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a. The relevant patient information, including:

- De-identified demographic information (age, gender, ethnicity) yes
- Main symptoms of the patient yes
- Medical, family and psychosocial history yes
- Relevant past interventions and their outcomes yes

b. The relevant physical examination findings yes

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yes
d. Diagnostic assessments, including:

- Diagnostic methods  yes

- Challenges (e.g., financial, language/cultural)  No, although not important

- Reasoning and prognostic characteristics (e.g., staging), where applicable  yes

e. Types and mechanism of intervention, yes

f. A summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits

Comments:

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Comments: It is well balanced

6. Is the anonymity of the patient protected? Please consider any identifying information in images such as facial features or nametags, whether the patient is named etc. If not, please detail below.

Yes

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Comments: yes

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Comments: yes

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