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Dear Editor,



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Title: Mediastinal small cell carcinoma with liver and bone marrow metastasis, mimicking lymphoma

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ESPS Manuscript NO: 17031 Regarded the reviewers' comment on the manuscript ESPS 17031, the authors had already revised the present manuscript according to the reviewers' comments as mentioned below.

Reviewer#1

1. Core tip part 'should delete the word 'Pulmonary'

Answer: We have already deleted it.

2. Please explain how the writer distinguish between liver metastasis from mediastinal tumor and mediastinal metastasis from primary liver tumor?

Answer: The multiple liver nodules were strong indicators of liver metastasis, while primary NET of liver is a very rare condition.(added in the text body discussion part already)

3. How about the result of ALP and other tumor markers?

Answer: All the results were added in the text body already.

4. What cause death exactly? and how about the autopsy?

Answer: The patient subsequently died a few weeks later, after developing progressive liver failure, edema in both legs, and a sudden onset of dyspnea and cyanosis, due to a suspected acute pulmonary embolism. No autopsy was performed in this case. (added in the text body already).

5. How about sharing more experience or advice treatment in this case?

Answer: The patient described in this case report had an advanced stage neuroendocrine tumor with fatal outcome. Definitive treatment for this small cell carcinoma should be guided by the definite histopathological and immunohistochemistry results.(added in the discussion part already)

Reviewer#2

1. I agree with the authors that the diagnosis is small cell carcinoma, why not just call it "Primary mediastinal small cell carcinoma" in the title?

Answer: We agreed, therefore we did change the title to be " Mediastinal small cell carcinoma with liver and bone marrow metastasis, mimicking lymphoma"

2. Other images in different plane should be provided to rule out lung malignancy.

Answer: We had already added the other image of CT scan and also added the result regarded the radiological study in the text body.

3. The reviewer did not agree that bone marrow metastasis is 'not common'.

Answer: Agree, we did removed those related sentences from the discussion part and core tip already.

4. What was the history of smoking?

Answer: He smoked 40 pack/year (already added in the text body).

5. Was the autopsy was carried out to have a more definitive statement on the topographic location/anatomy of the tumor.

Answer: Unfortunately, the autopsy was not performed in this particular case.

Reviewer#3 (from editor)

1. Ethical, Inform consent and conflict of interest:

Answer: already added as the WJG format

2. Reference

Answer: already corrected .

3. Comments

Answer: already added in the text body.

4. Language polishing

Answer: already done by the Ameditor (see certificate).

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

Varayu prachayakul