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To:

Editorial Board,

World Journal of Clinical Oncology

Dear sir/madam

On behalf of all the authors, I would like to thank the World Journal of Clinical Oncology and the reviewers for consideration of our manuscript, No. 34253, entitled: BRAF V600Q-Mutated Lung Adenocarcinoma with Duodenal Metastasis and Extreme Leukocytosis. We have reviewed the manuscript according to the valuable editor and reviewers' comments. In addition, we have edited the revised manuscript's English language using one of the suggested editors. Below is our response to the reviewers.

**Reviewer 1:**

Reviewer's code: 02982969

Reviewer's comments:

I read with great interest the manuscript by Dr. Ayman Qasrawi et al. entitled "BRAF V600Q-Mutated Lung Adenocarcinoma with Duodenal Metastasis and Extreme Leukocytosis". This case report with a literature review reports on a patient with BRAF-mutated lung adenocarcinoma presenting with a lytic bone lesion, duodenal metastasis and unexplained extreme leukocytosis. The object is interesting and the manuscript clearly reported. This is the second well-documented case of gastrointestinal metastasis from BRAF-mutated lung cancer. Below, I report some minor comments 1) Please note that the abstract and the core tip are not complementary. The main issues should be presented in both. For instance, the literature search has been not cited in the abstract. Please revise them accordingly. 2) Please specify whether the FOBT was based on immunological test or guaiac, since these two tests have a different sensitivity for upper GI bleedings. 3) Please note that in the figure 2 legend there is a typing error (finished)

Our response:

Thank you for your valuable comments.

- 1- We have modified the abstract and core tip according to your recommendations. Please refer to the modified manuscript. The literature review was added in the abstract. The core tip was modified completely.
- 2- The FOBT test was guaiac testing, and that was modified in the manuscript.
- 3- The typing error was corrected. The revised manuscript was edited again using a professional language editor.

**Reviewer 2:**

Reviewer's code: 00074961

Reviewer's comments:

1-Why did she initially undergo arthotomy instead of CT scans?

2-4th line, 2nd paragraph of Case Report: comma after "started".

3-Would it be possible to summarize Case report? You can delete "Other electrolytes, kidney function, and liver enzymes..." or "given intermittent melena and positive stool for blood".

Our response:

Thank you for your valuable comments.

- 1- The patient had CT scan of the hip before proceeding to arthotomy. Please refer to first paragraph of page 5, line 9.
- 2- That was added
- 3- The case was summarized and many unnecessary information were deleted. Please refer to edited manuscript. The following information were deleted:
  - a. The doses of carboplatin and pemetrexed
  - b. Each of the above-mentioned sentences were shortened
  - c. ESR and CRP results

Regards,

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