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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

My key points are as follow: - This case report describes a rare metastatic presentation of colon cancer and reviews previously published case reports. - Core tip should be shorter and focused on the impact this manuscript can have on clinical practice. - Introduction needs to be completely rewritten as it summarizes the entire article and does not provide a background on the pathology being described in the manuscript. - It is very repetitive and the information regarding the case itself is described at least 3 times and it should only be detailed on the abstract and on the "Case Presentation" section. - Regarding the case report: The patient was submitted to a radical laparoscopic sigmoidectomy of a pT4aN2 colon cancer. Was it an adenocarcinoma? The histologic type is NOT referred through the manuscript. Was it an oncologically correct resection? Please state circumferential, proximal and distal margins as this can relate to early local recurrence. What was the second surgery performed? Local resection is vague and does not described the extent of resection. Again, what were the margins of the specimen? It is referred that it had "extra-serosal and muscularis invasion"; does it mean it was staged as pT4b? Do you think that splenic metastasis could be due to direct peritoneal dissemination? Of course CEA levels monitoring is mandatory in colon adenocarcinoma but you also state that AFP, Ca125 and Ca 15.3 were performed. Can you explain why? First endoscopy revealed sigmoid colon mass but the second and third were normal - local recurrence was diagnosed solely based on PET-CT? If no mucosal changes were present it is concurrent with the hypothesis of local recurrence due to non-oncological primary resection. Was CT repeated after diagnosis and initial staging? If so, were splenic metastasis described? - The references could be updated as the most recent is from 2016. - Regarding writing, there are not major errors but fluency and phrase construction are lacking (eg, "We here report a colon cancer patient in a 48-year

old woman..." - it should read "We report a case of a 48-year old woman/patient with colon cancer...") - Although it is an interesting case it is not well written and scientifically it falls short.