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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

1. The language of the manuscript still requires revision. 2. Without histopathological examination and obvious peritoneal lesion, MPM can not be established. 3. The authors have reported thickened pleura (i. e. suggestive of pleural metastasis). However, nothing is mentioned in the article about pleural effusion and mediastinal lymph nodes. 4. The authors have written, "This case report demonstrates that targeted immunotherapy alone or combined chemotherapy holds promise as a new treatment strategy for malignant mesothelioma." However, the outcome was poor and the authors have also written, "The reason for the patient's sudden disease progression after receiving chemotherapy may be related to insensitivity to chemotherapy, ...". These two statements contradict each other.

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The authors should be complimented for this well-written case report. It is an entity of rare occurrence with a scarce amount of data related to treatment and prognosis. The only improvement which can be suggested is the lack of references in the introduction and describing massive ascites as the initial symptom although abdominal pain was also present. The figures are appropriate and of good quality.