

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Since the patient was diagnosed with a peritoneal carcinomatosis only one month after the operation, and a moderate right hydrocele co-existed, may be the orchy-epididymal tumoral mass was a peculiar peritoneal localization due to the peritoneum-vaginalis duct patency. In this way, I think you can explain the pathogenetical mechanism of this rare localization. Otherwise, the article is the report of an anecdotal episode of a very rare metastasis from gastric cancer, with a scarce grade of interest.

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To me, this is an interesting case reporting that gastric cancer could metastasize to testis and epididymis. I believe this finding will advance the knowledge of clinicians about the development of gastric cancer. The writing is well. The description of the case is clear.

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In this manuscript, the authors report a case of metastasis of gastric cancer to the testis. Overall, the manuscript is well written. There are a few issues to be addressed.

Introduction: The author mentioned that gastric cancer is usually diagnosed at an advanced stage. However, there are efforts to tackle gastric cancer. Some countries have implemented population-based screening. I would recommend the authors to mention this point to present a whole picture of gastric cancer. There is a previous article mentioning the screening policy in Japan: Huang HL, Leung CY, Saito E, Katanoda K, Hur C, Kong CY, Nomura S, Shibuya K. Effect and cost-effectiveness of national gastric cancer screening in Japan: a microsimulation modeling study. BMC Medicine. 2020;18(1):1-2.

Case presentation: The authors made a clear presentation of the case except whether there is one mass or a number of masses. The authors mentioned that there was a hypoechoic mass under ultrasound and a solid tumour with a maximum diameter of 3.6cm was removed in the operation, also in the CT image. However, in the Discussion / Conclusion section (lines 212, 255, 262), the authors wrote "...palpable painful masses..." etc. Please clarify/revise accordingly.

Discussion: The authors mentioned a couple of existing hypotheses in the article. And, In line 209, they further hypothesised that the patient in the present study was likely to have spread via the lymphatic system. However, there are no tests or examinations conducted to support or against that. Therefore, I'd like to suggest the authors revise the sentence or add some limitations. Please mention the added values of this case report.

Figure1: Please move the white arrow to a clearer position, or use an asterisk to indicate the location of the mass clearly.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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I'm satisfied for ypur answer