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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dr. S. Ahmed Ali and the other authors made a single-institution retrospective review of

patients with parotid acinic cell carcinoma treated at a university hospital between 2000 and 2017. A total of 55 patients were identified. There were 6 patients (10.9%) developed lung metastases. The mean age at diagnosis for patients with lung metastases was older than those without metastases. All 6 patients with lung metastases demonstrated gross perineural invasion intraoperatively. Gross facial nerve invasion, higher T-classification, and high-grade disease are factors associated with worse disease-free survival and overall survival. A few questions need to be answered. Did the patients with gross perineural invasion have any symptoms or signs related to the facial nerve involvement? What are the criteria to differentiate low grade from high grade carcinoma. The pictures in the manuscript should highlight these differences.

INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT

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