

Dear Editors and Reviewers

Thank you for your comments on our manuscript entitled “Durable response to pulsatile icotinib for CNS metastases from EGFR-mutated non-small cell lung cancer: a case report”. Those comments are all constructive and very helpful for revising and improving our paper. The manuscript has been carefully revised according to the provided comments. The changes in the manuscript are highlighted in red. The following are the answers to the comments.

Reviewer #1

Comments:

The manuscript is attractive. The presented case is interesting.

Answer: Thank you very much for your kind encouragement.

a) Please be specific in the conclusion. It must not be speculative. Then, please declare 'the therapy was effective in this case' as it is the case. then, the collection of additional data for analysis should be propiciated. "pulsatile high-dose icotinib was a well-tolerated and effective treatment for this case"

Answer: Thank you very much for your suggestion. We are sorry for our speculative expression in the conclusion, and have modified relevant statements in the revised manuscript according to the comments.

b) Detailed information about the improvement of patient after treatment should be presented.

Answer: Thank you very much for your suggestion. We've added a more detailed information about the improvement of patient after treatment in the paragraph of “OUTCOME AND FOLLOW-UP”.

c) Recent manuscripts are interesting to this case:

- Positive response to Icotinib in metastatic lung adenocarcinoma with acquiring EGFR Leu792H mutation after AZD9291 treatment: a case report. Wang J, Chen J. BMC Cancer. 2019 Feb 8; 19(1): 131.
- Icotinib and whole-brain radiotherapy for the treatment in patients with brain metastases from EGFR-mutant nonsmall cell lung cancer: A retrospective study. Jiang AY, Zhang J, Luo HL, Gao F, Lv YF. Medicine (Baltimore). 2018 Apr; 97(15): e0312.
- Effects of icotinib with and without radiation therapy on patients with EGFR mutant non-small cell lung cancer and brain metastases. Fan Y, Xu Y, Gong L, Fang L, Lu H,

Qin J, Han N, Xie F, Qiu G, Huang Z. Sci Rep. 2017 Mar 23; 7: 45193.

I suggest to analyze their content to enrich this case report.

Answer: Thank you very much for your suggestion. We have read these papers carefully and gained a lot. These studies have been analyzed and cited in the revised manuscript.

We appreciate for Editors/Reviewers' warm work earnestly and hope that the correction will meet with approval. Thanks again for your comments and suggestions.

Your Sincerely,

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