

Dear Editor-in-Chief Mr. Ma:

Thank you lot for your decision letter on our submitted manuscript (ID:56192) entitled “Pulmonary Benign Metastasizing Leiomyoma: A Case Report and Narrative Review”. We would like to thank the reviewers for their constructive and positive comments and suggestions for revision of the manuscript.

We have revised the manuscript accordingly and it is attached to this letter for your consideration. All amendments are highlighted in red text in the revised manuscript. In addition, point-by-point responses to the reviewers’ individual comments are listed below.

We hope that the revision is now acceptable for the publication in your journal and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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Responses to Reviewer's comments

1. Authors should produce a more detailed literature review. Authors affirm that there are 100 cases, but in the article, there are only few citations. It would be very useful to produce a synoptic table with the grouping anatomical sites of the 100 cases, so that the reader can have idea where is most frequent, the type of treatment delivered/follow-up and most common symptoms according to site.

Response: Thank you for this comment. This kind of summary is very practical for readers, this is a really great suggestion from you. Because the theme of the article is PBML, through literature search and screen, excluded non English articles and articles no-relevance to our subject, I have got 76 case reports, with totally 83 patients. But because the Column of my manuscript is only a Case Report, so I only simply narrated the frequent site, treatment delivered/follow-up and most common symptoms of PBML in the manuscript, and if you want to get more details, please look at the supplemental Table S1 and Table S2, which were summarized from all of the 76 case reports.

2. Best regards Abstract: Background: repeated used of which.

Response: Thank you for this comment. I have removed a “which”, you can see that in the sentence of Background in Abstract in red.

3. Abstract: Case summary: remove “was anxious about the diagnosis of the lung nodules and she suspected that she had lung cancer.” This is not

medical context for the manuscript.

Response: Thank you for this comment. I have removed “was anxious about the diagnosis of the lung nodules and she suspected that she had lung cancer.” You can see that in the part of Case summary in Abstract in red.

4. I am not sure about the word “hysteromyoma”, please simply use “uterine leiomyoma” .

Response: Thank you for this comment. “Uterine leiomyoma” is really easier for readers to understand, so I have changed all of the words “hysteromyoma” to “uterine leiomyoma” in my whole manuscript.

5. Abstract: conclusion: remove “which should be”.

Response: Thank you for this comment. I have removed “which should be” in the part of conclusion in Abstract.

6. Text: introduction: see hysteromyoma as previuos and also in the whole article.

Response: Thank you for this comment. I have changed the words “hysteromyoma” to “uterine leiomyoma” in my whole manuscript as I have said in question 4.

7. Text: introduction: the second sentence need a reference.

Response: Thank you for this comment. I have added two references for the second sentence of introduction.

8.Text: introduction: remove “in her health checkup”.

Response: Thank you for this comment. I have removed “in her health

checkup” in the part of introduction.

9.Text: treatment: “she was allocated” switch with “she was sent for”.

Response: Thank you for this comment. I have changed “she was allocated” to “she was sent for” in the part of treatment.

10.Text: I strongly suggest and encourage to use the PRISMA approach, otherwise you should change the title to “narrative review”.

Response: Thank you for this comment. But because my article is only a case report, and during this particular period of COVID-19, I’m really very busy as a doctor in pulmonary department, so I have changed the title of my manuscript as “Pulmonary Benign Metastasizing Leiomyoma: A Case Report and Narrative Review”. However, your idea and suggestion to make a PRISMA Review on this subject is really great and interesting. Based on the PBML case reports which I have searched and read in the supplemental Table S1, I would like to make this PRISMA Review in the future if I have more time. Thank you very much again for all of your suggestions.