

Dear Editor,

Thank you for carefully reviewing our manuscript previously titled “Clinical characteristics of pulmonary cryptococcosis coexisting with lung adenocarcinoma: A report of three cases” for possible publication in the World Journal of Clinical Cases. We are grateful to you and your reviewers for their constructive critique. We have revised the manuscript, highlighting our revisions in red, and have attached point-by-point responses detailing how we have revised the manuscript in response to the reviewers' comments below.

Thank you for your consideration and further review of our manuscript. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any further questions or recommendations.

Yours Sincerely,

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Reviewer Comments:

Reviewer #1:

This manuscript presents three cases of pulmonary cryptococcosis coexisting with lung adenocarcinoma. The present cases might remind not to neglect pulmonary cryptococcosis coexisting with adenocarcinoma. In fact, for fungal infection, the lesions are usually accompanied by halo sign and bronchial ventilation sign, but some of them are difficult to differentiate from lung cancer and need to be confirmed by pathology. In addition, there are some limits in this manuscript as follows: 1. Please check "Fig. 6" described in line 13, case 3 in case presentation section. There is no Fig. 6 in the manuscript.

Response: Revised. For uncertain nodular shadows in the peripheral lung, the differential diagnosis with pulmonary metastatic tumors and pulmonary cryptococcosis is sometimes difficult.

2. The sentence "pulmonary metastatic tumors that usually present with roundish uniform sizes" described in line 18, paragraph 2 of the discussion section is not correct. Metastases are usually of different sizes.

Response: Revised.

3. Figure legends (Figure 1 E and F) are incorrect. The size of the nodule does not match the Figure. Please check it carefully.

Response: Revised.