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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 6028-review.doc).

Title: Metastasis to a uterine leiomyoma originating from lung cancer: A case report.

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We would like to thank the reviewers for all their kind and encouraging feedback. The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the reviewers and these changes are highlighted in the manuscript. In response to reviewer number 00742121, the following suggestions have been incorporated:

- 1) Page 2, line 6: "Lung cancer metastasizes most frequently **to** the regional lymph nodes.." - the word "**to**" has been added in.
- 2) Page 2, line 15: Avoid the expression "...an unusual and rare case.." - we have described the case as "**rare**" as suggested.
- 3) Page 2, line 7 of "Case Report" section, we have now specified the location of the involved lymph nodes

- 4) Page 3, line 2: "23 years ago" has been replaced by "23 years **earlier**".

- 5) Page 3, lines 5-7: The medical oncologists use an annual CT thorax, abdomen and pelvis for metastatic/recurrent disease surveillance for lung cancer. The use of ultrasound is not routinely used for lung cancer surveillance and hence there is no mention of ultrasound surveillance. The patient was referred to the Gynecology department for the first time after the CT surveillance detected the increasing size of the fibroid and that was when the first ultrasound was performed – prior to that there had been no ultrasonography of the fibroid done. We have incorporated this information into the case report.

- 6) Page 3, line 8: Both transabdominal and transvaginal ultrasonography were performed and this has been specified now. We have also added in an ultrasound image of the fibroid as recommended (Figure 3)

- 7) Page 13, line 14: the specimen was cut open intra-operatively to confirm the gross appearance of a fibroid and the hysterectomy specimen was removed as a whole to avoid any dissemination of disease.

- 8) Page 4, line 3: "2 reported cases" has been changed to "**two** reported cases"

- 9) Page 4, line 7: "prior" has been amended to "**earlier**"

- 10) The second paragraph, describing the previously reported cases of lung cancer with metastasis to the uterus, has been shortened as suggested by the reviewer. Also the third paragraph highlighting the differences between our case and the previously reported cases has been incorporated into the previous paragraph as recommended by the reviewer.

Word formatting, typesetting and the size of the figures have all been corrected according to revision policies for case reports.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*.

Yours sincerely,

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