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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this case, the entire procedure was explained clearly. The authors described a 47-year-old male with primary HCC with early successive liver, lung, peritoneum and colon metastasis, who successfully underwent comprehensive treatments. There are two points the authors have given us after discussion. One could be that comprehensive treatments are beneficial for certain patients with various metastasis from HCC. Another could be that clinicians should be alert to the possibility of rare site metastatic tumors which may be easily misdiagnosed as primary tumors. However, it is doubtful whether the case is representative. The author mentioned in the history that the patient had tumor rupture and hemorrhage, which may increase the risk of metastatic implantation in the abdominal intestine, although the surgical irrigation procedure was done after that. And this cause may be different from the normal intestinal metastases due to hepatocellular carcinoma. In addition, The postoperative pathological biopsy confirmed a moderately differentiated HCC. Can we suppose that this patient might have a better prognosis relative to normal blood metastases to the intestinal tract with worse differentiation? It is suggested the authors would be able to add relevant contents



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An interesting article focusing on an unusual pattern of natural history of hepatocellular carcinoma with digestive tract metastatic involvement and long survival. The case is well presented, however along the entire text the language should be deeply revised before the article could be considered for publication.