



**PEER-REVIEW REPORT**

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**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Dr. Ting Jin and the other authors described a man with complaints of hemoptysis, polyuria, polydipsia, increased appetite, weight loss, and pigmentation, and was diagnosed with small cell lung cancer, ectopic adrenocorticotrophic hormone syndrome



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(EAS), hypogonadism, hypothyroidism, and central diabetes insipidus. After three rounds of chemotherapy, levels of ACTH, cortisol, thyroid hormone, gonadal hormone, and urine volume returned to normal levels. In addition, the pulmonary tumor was reduced in size. EAS is known to cause disturbance in glucose metabolism, hypokalemia, peripheral edema, proximal myopathy, hypertension, hyper-pigmentation, and severe systemic infection, results from dysfunction of adrenal hormones. However, it is uncommon to observe dysfunction in other hypothalamus-pituitary hormones. These authors hypothesized that EAS induced high levels of serum glucocorticoid and a negative feedback on the synthesis and secretion of ADH from the paraventricular nucleus, and trophic hormones from the anterior pituitary. They need more evidence from the literature to support the hypothesis. The authors wrote that it is also possible that inadequate secretion of ADH due to tumor metastasis to the posterior pituitary may have been involved. Further studies will be needed to distinguish these possibilities. I suggest the authors to complete these studies to rule out metastasis to hypothalamus-pituitary axis.

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The manuscript described a rare case of a patient presenting panhypopituitarism associated to an EAS in a patient with small cell lung carcinoma. They confirmed metabolic disorders associated to this diagnose Is a high quality article that could serve



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as a reference for clinical oncologist. New findings: small cell lung carcinoma complicated with EAS, hypogonadism, hypothyroidism, and central diabetes insipidus. It was emphasized that metabolic disorders disappeared without specific treatment of all of these diseases, only got control with systemic specific treatment Authors hypothesis about a negative feedback by high levels of serum glucocorticoid affected the synthesis and secretion of ADH from the paraventricular nucleus and trophic hormones from the anterior pituitary and inadequate secretion of ADH due to tumor metastasis to the posterior pituitary has to be proved in further studies

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