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			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Very interesting case reports of small cell lung cancer starting with diabetes mellitus. In this manuscript, the authors described two middle-age patients who were originally diagnosed with diabetes mellitus with no classical symptoms of lung cancer. The small-cell lung cancer-associated diabetes was related to ectopic adrenocorticotrophic



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hormone syndrome, which was an endogenous ectopic adrenocorticotrophic hormone syndrom-dependent form of Cushing's syndrome with elevated adrenocorticotrophic hormone and cortisol levels. The ectopic adrenocorticotrophic hormone symptoms including thyroid dysfunction, hypercortisolism and glucose intolerance were all resolved after anticancer treatment. This two cases were well described and the well discussed. No special comments. The manuscript requires an editing of English.

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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This case report manuscript is well written. Lung cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer, whose prognosis has not improved in recent years. Lung cancer typically displays respiratory symptoms. Beyond that, the features of ectopic adrenocorticotrophic hormone syndrome can help to differentiate small-cell lung cancer



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from other tumors to some extent. However, there are few case reports on the other manifestations of small-cell lung cancer as the early diagnostic clues, which can help clinicians to catch the disease at an early stage. In this paper, the authors present two cases of small-cell lung cancer admitted with new-onset diabetes mellitus, but without the classical symptoms of lung cancer or Cushing's syndrome. The diagnosis of diabetes seems to be easier than before, and through these two cases, it will draw attention to the fact that diabetes might be an initial symptom of small-cell lung cancer. Early diagnosis and treatment are crucial factors that might influence prognosis of the patients. The case presentations are very detailed, and the cases are well discussed. Only some minor language polishing should be revised.

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No comments. Interesting case report.

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