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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Although this is a good and interesting case and paper, I suggest that, if haven't already done so, please read the review on CUP in NEJM, 2014, 371:757-65 in order to more fully discuss CUP

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Although this is a very interesting case of possible combination of CUP and DM, suggesting the insight of future treatment planning, there are several things to be clarified. 1. The definition of DM is better to be more clarified. 1) Please show photo of the skin manifestation. 2) Although this case showed weakness of the proximal muscle and the elevation of CPK, more evidence of myositis is necessary for diagnosis, like electromyogram and muscle biopsy. 3. Please show photos of immunohistochemical analysis of lymph node specimen. 4. Please describe the more detailed regimen of chemotherapy. For example, how many courses of chemotherapy were performed to obtain the disease deterioration? 5. To show the complete response, PET image, inguinal LN size, and serological markers after the therapy are to be shown. 6. The author used both prednisone and chemotherapy for ovarian cancer at the same time. Thus, it is unclear which was effective for DM. Overall, the author needs more evidence of diagnosing both DM and the characteristics of cancer.

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Sonnenblick has written about an interesting and unusual case study regarding a 50-year old female who presented with dermatomyositis, enlarged lymph nodes, muscle weakness, and erythematous plaques. Conventional basic work-up, including CT scan, did not reveal the diagnosis, which was subsequently determined to be ovarian cancer by PET-CT and re-staining of lymph node biopsy for appropriate markers. The patient was treated with carboplatin, paclitaxel, and bevacizumab with resolution of the cancer and improvement of the dermatomyositis. The authors point out that several studies associate dermatomyositis with cancers of the ovary, lung, gastric, colorectal, and pancreas and suggest that determination of the primary site when unknown is best accomplished using immunohistochemistry (IHC) in addition to PET-CT, as IHC alone can be misinterpreted. The paper is well written for the most part, however there are a few typographical mistakes and some places for improvement. 1. Page 3, 5th line from bottom of page "CA12-5" should read "CA125" 2. Page 3, 2nd line from bottom of page "CK20- eak should read "CK20- weak" 3. Page 5, First line from top "staining" should be capitalized 4. I would suggest calling the "Literature Review" section "Literature Review/Discussion" (it covers both) 5. Page 6, Figure legend, line 10 "cervival" should be



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changed to “cervical” 6. It would be an improvement to put the PET-CT protocol, technical details, and some discussion about image evaluation into the Figure legend 7. Give a brief statement in the discussion that deals with the safety of PET-CT