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Tumours Have a Mind of Its Own? Metaphorically Yes!

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Clinical Image Description

We have entered 2023. Humans have the utmost staging and prognostic criterias for cancers. Yet we can never predict how a stage I breast tumour shockingly metastasizes to stage IV within a month in some cases. Or miraculously a patient on palliative care for recurrent carcinoma head and neck stabilizes and lives a long life on targeted therapy. We can call it nature running its course or does a tumour have mind of its own will? We doctors, all are a force united against cancer but these two cases, nature showed us that tumour is sometimes one supervillain having a wicked brain of its own. But, we too are wannabe superheroes who will get their villain down.

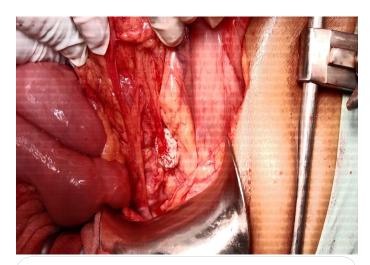


Figure 1: Carcinoma ovary for interval cytoreduction. Serosal metastatic deposit in shape of human brain.



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Figure 2: Ovarian germ cell tumour bulging out in shape of human brain.