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## variations on the negative space before healing By Bessie Liu

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Renal Epithelioid Ang <mark>i</mark> omyolipoma with Atypi <mark>a</mark> (13 cm). The tumor is organ confined
Note: This tumor consists of ~30% epithelioid cells with marked cytologic atypia and
extensive necrosis. The mitotic index is <1/10 HPF, however atypical mitos is tre identical
The elinical behavior of these tumors is variable, but they may be malignant and metastases can
occur. Given the extensive necrosis, atypical mitoses and high derres of cytologic atypia in this
case, close clinical follow-up is recommended. Like their usual-type angiomyolipoma
counterparts these tumors typically have in activating mutations of TSC2 or more rarely TSC1,
hus somatic sequencing may be useful to document these a terations for future targeted
herapy in the case of recurrence. Given the patient's young age, clinical and genetic screening
for tuberous sclerosis complex may be warranted, though most of these tumors arise
sporadically and the background kidney is unremarkable in this case.
The tumor cell, are strongly positive for eathepsin K, $HMB=45$ and $MelanA$ , while $PAX8$ is
negative, supporting the above diagnosis

Transcription:

Diagnosis: I am confined to necrosis. I, ever atypical. Variable, but malignant. Given the extensive degree of loss, I act on future recurrence. I age as roses do and the ground remakes me too.

Diagnosis: I am organ confined. A negative note to necrosis. I identified the tumor, the atypical atypia. Call it fear in the case of recurrence. Young age is complex in this case. The flaw in the diagnosis.

Diagnosis: I am not tumor or necrosis. However atypical, I met my counterpart, I came to erase it.

Diagnosis: I am extensive I am extensive I am more than background remarks. More than the above diagnosis.

Diagnosis: I am still here, I have a future in this case. Alive.

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