Large Nested Variant of Urothelial Carcinoma - A Case Report: Do Not Judge This Book by Its Cover - This Tumor Is a Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing

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Large nested variant of urothelial carcinoma (LNVUC) is a rare and relatively recently described subtype of urothelial carcinoma by Cox et al (2011), with only 34 total cases having been reported in the literature. These tumors present with a mixed pattern of large nests of tumor cells and associated surface low-grade papillary urothelial carcinoma. Associated high-grade surface papillary urothelial carcinoma is not typically present. The large nests of tumor cells, despite their bland histology, show deep bladder wall invasion and are associated with an aggressive behavior. Here we report a case of LNVUC in the urinary bladder of a 66-year-old man patient. The diagnostic criteria and pitfalls for this variant of urothelial carcinoma, as well as recent advances are also discussed.

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