

Table 1

Case number / Reference	M / F	Age	PY	Localization / diagnosis	Distant metastasis	Immunohistochemistry	Asbestos exposure	Treatment	Survival
Case 1 Bouvier (2)	M	67	70	Right pleura / Surgical biopsy	None detected on cranial and chest CT, SIADH present	Keratin, vimentin and neuron specific enolase positive	Present (without pleural abnormalities)	CDDP* and etoposide followed by Cyclofosfamide Doxorubicin Etoposide	> 10 months, CR
Case 2 Schinkewitch (4)	M	62	40	Right pleura / Percutaneous biopsy	None detected on bone scan, NMR brain and abdominal and chest CT	Positive staining with cytokeratin, neuron specific enolase, chromogranin A. No staining for lymphocyte common antigen (LCA) CEA, vimentin or epithelial membrane Ag	Absent	Cisplatin, Etoposide, Cyclofosfamide, Doxorubicin	>26 months
Case 3 Van der Heijden (1)	M	66	40	Left pleura / Surgical biopsy	None detected on bone scan, chest CT and, mediastinal lymph node biopsy.	Positive staining with keratin, Cam 5.2, chromogranin, synaptophysin and CD56. No staining for LCA, vimentin and Calretinin	Present	Cyclofosfamide Doxorubicin Etoposide	11 days
Case 4 Satoh (3)	M	57	30	Right pleura / Percutaneous biopsy	None detected on bone scan and chest CT	Positive staining with neuron specific enolase and chromogranin A	Absent	Cisplatin, vincristine, doxorubicin, etoposide	55 months

*cis-diaminedichloroplatin