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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors report a case of thyroid SFT with a comprehensive literature review. The paper is generally well-written with a good command of English. It is true that thyroid SFTs are relatively rare; but since there have been a number of reports of such neoplasms, there have to be some “charming points” for this paper to be made open to the public. I have a few points of concern about this paper. If the authors can address the following points, I believe, this paper will surely enhance its scientific value. #It is strange that this paper does not mention a word about ‘STAT6’ or ‘NAB2-STAT6 fusion’. NAB2-STAT6 fusion is now considered the pathognomonic genetic alteration of SFTs, and to detect it is crucial for the definite diagnosis of SFTs. STAT6-immunohistochemistry is an easy-to-perform, and yet a reliable method that reflects NAB2-STAT6 fusion; the nuclear expression of STAT6 is a reflection of this genetic alteration. So it is mandatory to show either STAT6-immunohistochemistry or genetic analyses of NAB2-STAT6 for this case as well, particularly because we are given a number of thyroid SFTs. The authors report CD34-positivity in this case, but that CD34 is positive is not specific to SFTs at all. But nuclear expression of STAT6 is completely specific to SFTs. Please show the results of these analyses with an appropriate presentation of them (photos, figures, etc.). #Please incorporate the following points into the table 1. -Treatment (please show how each case was treated) -Please show whether or not each case was analyzed with STAT6-immunohistochemistry or genetic analyses of NAB2-STAT6 fusion.

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