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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this paper, the authors report a case of metastasis of esophageal squamous cell carcinoma to the thyroid gland. This is rare case and thus the readers will be interested in this report. In order to better this manuscript, I have the following comments. 1. "Most patients" (Page3, line3) is inappropriate. I think "Some patients" is appropriate. 2. Regard to "malignancy" (Page6, line16), histopathological findings should be described in more detail including whether there were the findings of squamous cell carcinoma. It is better that the figure is prepared if possible. 3. Regard to "metastatic malignancy" (Page6, line22), histopathological findings should be described in more detail and the authors should describe the differential diagnosis including primary squamous cell carcinoma of the thyroid in discussion section. 4. Regard to "malignancy" (Page7, line3), do the authors say about squamous cell carcinoma? And was this confirmed by biopsy? If so, please describe this. In addition, the authors should add "(Fig. 4A)" in the end of this sentence. 5. "(Fig. 4)" (Page7, line5) should be (Fig. 4B-F). Please revise it. 6. Figure 4B-F should be presented by high power field. And please use arrows etc. for clarity. 7. "hematoylin" (Page14, line 2 of figure legend of Figure 4) may be miswrited. Please revise it.