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PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Title: Extrahepatic metastasis of hepatocellular carcinoma to the paravertebral muscle: A case report

Reviewer's code: 01560036

Reviewer's country: Russia

Science editor: Fang-Fang Ji

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Nice case with modern treatment. Adequate conclusions. The case is well illustrated. Interesting for readers.



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Science editor: Fang-Fang Ji

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The clinical case is well described and the review of the literature is appropriate. The topic becomes relevant, since it raises the reflection on advancing therapies and diagnostic methods that improve the survival of patients, however not always accompanied by benefits in quality of life.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper by Takahashi et al. addresses the topic of extrahepatic metastases of hepatocellular carcinoma to the paravertebral muscle, by reporting a case and the correspondent literature review. However, some points need to be reviewed by authors. Major comments Page 7 lines 5-8: Authors should comment on the fact that HCC was diagnosed lately (9.4 cm) since 3 years before was wrongly diagnosed as FNH. This is an important point in light of the extrahepatic malignant involvement. Page 7 line 14: Authors should comment on the management of HBV infection, since patient did not receive antiviral treatment before the diagnosis of HCC. Authors should comment on the treatment of Entecavir explaining why 1 mg of daily dose was adopted (i.e. Lamivudine experienced? Decompensated?). Page 8 lines 6,7: Authors should comment on the latest anti HCC treatments of Capecitabine and Dasatinib. Minor comment: Abstract session page 4 lines 3,4: The initial sentence “..Extrahepatic metastases (EHM) of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) recently have been paradoxically increasing due to an increase in the



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survival of HCC patients..." has been repeated in the Discussion session page 8 lines 12,13 Authors should change the sentence in the Discussion session.

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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

It is a very interesting case report of rare extrahepatic metastasis of hepatocellular carcinoma described by Takahashi K et al. The paper is well written, covering also the literature review. Minor comments: 1) in the introduction the ref [1] appears 3 times in a row; being general information, maybe more/other articles should be cited. 2) At page 9, too many sentences start with X. et al described/reported that and it's a little bit annoying, please rephrase.