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# SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors analyze natural history, diagnostics, and treatment modalities in anaplastic cancer. Well-written and very concise paper, of great interest in endocrine practice.



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The article reviews the recent progress in the diagnosis and treatment of undifferentiated thyroid cancer. The review is comprehensive and covers the main progress in this field. It has certain guiding value for the treatment of such patients in clinic. But the article has the following issues that need to be discussed. 1. This paper basically lists the progress in recent years, but the systematic induction and analysis are not enough, and the phenomenon of fragmentation is prominent. There is also a lack of negative results. 2. In the clinical aspect, the fine needle aspiration can be omitted when undifferentiated cancer is suspected, and direct histopathological examination with CNB is very important, but some more valuable information needs to be added. For example, the importance of early diagnosis is mentioned several times, but it does not seem to give an answer. The increasing availability of medical care and advances in ultrasound technology should be beneficial for early diagnosis. Another important issue is that if there are conditions for early diagnosis, surgical resection of the visible lesions and complete dissection of the lymph nodes are crucial to the prognosis, and the addition of postoperative radiotherapy and chemotherapy treatments, and so on, may achieve



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long-term remission for some patients. 3.Although the overall prognosis of undifferentiated thyroid cancers is very poor, some are relatively good. In particular, those who were clearly converted from papillary thyroid cancer, or which carried a BRAF gene mutation. There is more evidence that the prognosis of such patients is significantly better than that of other patients. Therefore, it is suggested to emphasize in the article.